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JAWS OF LIFE NEEDED IN CRASH

An OC Transpo bus was picking up a passenger when it was hit by a car on Merivale Road. Fire crews removed the driver's side door, roof and windshield to extract the driver. He suffered chest injuries but was alert at the scene and had good vital signs. Two passengers, a 38-year-old man and a 25-year-old woman, suffered back and rib injuries. Both are in stable condition. HANDOUT

'She is just a child'

Search. 'Either she went into hiding or she has been killed,' mother of missing pimping suspect says



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The mother of the 17-year-old pimping suspect Ottawa police are searching for says she is also trying to find her daughter, and she fears the girl has been killed.

"Either she went into hiding or she has been killed. That is what I want to know. Where is my daughter? Are the police of Ottawa doing their job?" the woman said in loud, emotional French when reached by phone on Thursday.

Police allege the woman's 17-year-old daughter and two 15-year-old accomplices forced three other teen girls into prostitution. The two 15-year-olds are in custody facing numerous serious charges including assault and human trafficking.

Police have not yet released the 17-year-old's name to the public because she is a minor

protected by the Youth Criminal Justice Act. Under the act, police do have the option of applying to a court for permission to temporarily release her name to the public in order to find her.

"If the police were doing their job they would have found where my daughter is," the woman said.

The woman added that she has been making calls, trying to find her daughter. "What does she eat? Where does she sleep?" she asked.

"(She) is a little girl. I lost my little girl. She is a nice girl," the woman said.

"She is still a child, an adolescent. She is not mentally ill. She is not a crack head."

The woman said her daughter "hasn't done anything," but is being "blamed" by the police.

"(She) is a little girl, traumatized by the police," she said.

The woman, who also cannot be named as it would identify her daughter, suggested Quebec police are also searching for her daughter.

She said that, unlike the Ottawa police, she feels they are doing their job. She did not elaborate.

"F— you for the police. F— you for the journalist," she said.

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Cops hand out more than 100 tickets in cycling blitz

Bike safety. Everything from missing helmets and broken bells to riding on the sidewalk



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Police have so far handed out more than 100 tickets to cyclists flouting the rules of the road during a five-day cycling safety blitz in the downtown core.

Ottawa police Sgt. Stephanie Tracy said one of the more common offences he noticed was cyclists biking on the sidewalk.

"Sometimes they have to veer off the sidewalk to avoid pedestrians and they're onto the roadway, which causes issues for motorists who are driving by," said Tracy.

Wearing headphones is another big problem, he said, because cyclists might not be fully aware of what's

going on around them.

Failing to stop at a red light or stop sign are other rules some cyclists are ignoring.

Officers participating in the June 13-17 blitz, are giving warnings and handing out tickets for a variety of bylaw and highway traffic offences.

One officer stopped cyclist Ashley Marshall Thursday afternoon at the intersection of Laurie Avenue and Metcalfe Street to give her a warning for not having a functioning bell on her bike. She avoided a \$110 ticket.

"I think it's a good idea," said Marshall of the police blitz. "It is a good idea to follow the rules, especially downtown."

She added that she doesn't feel safe biking and wishes the city had more segregated bike lanes.



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A police officer hands cyclist Ashley Marshall a warning Thursday for biking without a functioning bell on her bike.
JOE LOFARO/METRO

Women's shelter

Deal reached at the last minute

Lawyers for workers at an Ottawa women's shelter went to court Thursday ready to ask for an injunction stopping the Nelson House women's shelter's board of directors from shutting the refuge down. But both sides came to an understanding instead.

Kate Hughes, a volunteer at the shelter, says the sides will work to organize a new annual general meeting and possibly vote on new board members. **METRO**

Police probe youth allegedly urging dog to bite students



Ridgemont High School GOOGLE.COM

Two students from Ridgemont High School on Alta Vista Drive were bitten by a dog Tuesday, according to an automated call from the school principal, which was sent to families with children attending Ridgemont.

Three young people allegedly incited a dog to bite students who were walking by.

The school called the

paramedics, Ottawa police and bylaw officers. Children at the neighbouring elementary school, Charles H. Hulse Public School, were kept indoors part of the day.

If it turns out that the dog's owner is a student at Ridgemont, the principal says the school will take "appropriate action." The reason the school was call-

ing was to dispel any rumours that even more students had been bitten, he added.

The school board declined to comment saying a police investigation is underway.

A city spokesperson also declined to comment, but did confirm an investigation.

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On the web

Cat haters rejoice

The Canadian Transportation Agency has ordered Air Canada, Air Canada Jazz and WestJet Airlines to do more to keep passengers with cat (but not dog) allergies far from travelling felines. Go to metronews.ca to find out why fur won't be flying anymore.

Mobile news



When Nik Wallenda steps out onto a cable Friday he will carry with him the hopes (and prayers) of daredevil enthusiasts from around the world. Scan the code to watch Wallenda's walk across Niagara Falls live later Friday.

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Friends of Lansdowne will not appeal case to Supreme Court

Redevelopment deal.
FOL drops legal fight against what it argued was city's violation of its own bylaws



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After several weeks of suspense, the Friends of Lansdowne (FOL) said Thursday it would not take its legal case against the city's sole-sourced-redevelopment deal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

FOL member Doug Ward said one of the main reasons not to seek leave to appeal was because members realized their chances of winning would be slim after two lower courts dismissed their arguments. The group argued the city violated its own procurement bylaws and closed a deal with the Ottawa Sports

Quoted

"We decided, given the kind of resources we have, it's time for us to move on and take on the city in other arenas."

FOL member Doug Ward

and Entertainment Group in bad faith.

FOL has paid half of its nearly \$600,000 bill to its lawyers for fighting the city in court, but Ward emphasized the decision not to appeal was not a financial one.

The City of Ottawa, on the other hand, has paid its lawyers approximately \$1.2 million.

"One of the things Friends of Lansdowne wants to do is to work in collaboration with all kinds of civic organizations that just think that the city doesn't get it right," said Ward, although he ruled out FOL backing the Lansdowne Park Conservancy proposal.

That organization, led by John Martin, has asked for

leave to appeal from the Ontario Court of Appeal after the Divisional Court of Ontario dismissed its challenge to the Lansdowne redevelopment in March, finding it an abuse of process.

Mayor Jim Watson said in a statement Thursday the FOL decision not to appeal "gives greater certainty" to Ottawa residents and the city can now proceed with redevelopment.

One more legal hurdle might be thrown in front of the city when the court makes a decision later this summer on the Conservancy's case.

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Doug Ward, a Friends of Lansdowne member, announces Thursday the group will not take its appeal case to the Supreme Court of Canada. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Army of love set to invade Franco Ontarien festival, composer says

The Franco Ontarien festival's closing act Saturday at Major's Hill Park may be a perfect example of the vibe of cultural exchange and togetherness organizers are aiming for.

"I'm really excited to come back. I'm starting to feel Canada and I are starting to really get it going. All over the world I'm starting to feel this community of dance floor soldiers," said Mohombi Nzasi Moupondo, a Swedish-Congolese singer and composer who calls his sound "Afro Pop."

Mohombi performs music in French, English and Swedish and told Metro he sees himself as a bridge between cultures and languages.

Having had to flee a war-torn country as a child, with his parents, he has perhaps a surprisingly upbeat outlook on life and multiculturalism.

Spreading the love

"We fight for love and for positivity. That's the message I'm trying to transmit with my music."

Mohombi Nzasi Moupondo, Swedish-Congolese singer and composer who calls his sound "Afro Pop."

"There's something called the army of love, my brother," he says. "We fight for love and for positivity. That's the message I'm trying to transmit with my music." To be able to represent different languages and bring fans from different cultures together in one concert at the festival "is really cool," he said.

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Gay issues at fore of Fringe dystopia

Truthful theatre.

Fictional play has troubling vein of reality in an era where 80 countries still criminalize homosexuality



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An underground railroad that helps homosexuals escape a dystopian world where being gay is punishable by death is at the heart of the new Fringe Festival play *Ex Cathedra*.

"In a sense, we can say it takes place in an alternate world," says the play's director Brett Desrosiers. "The truth is, homosexuality is still seen as a crime and is actually punishable by death in too many parts of the world."

In 80 countries around the world, it's still illegal to be gay, said Jeremy Dias of Jer's Vision, a diversity and anti-bullying non-profit fronting the show through its Troupe De La Lune theatre program. "So it speaks to the current and past experience of lots of people."

Proceeds from the play will go to launching the Bullying

Dialogue through art

"If we're not talking about solutions, nothing changes."

Jeremy Dias of Jer's Vision, the anti-bullying organization behind new Fringe play *Ex-Cathedra*



The Troupe De La Lune theatre company presents a dystopian vision of a world where homosexuality is punishable by death in their new Fringe play *Ex Cathedra*. CONTRIBUTED

Monologues, a new project Jer's Vision will start in September, Dias said. The project will see Troupe De La Lune actors visit schools throughout the city, presenting some of the thousands of real-life stories of bullying that Jer's Vision has received in letters from youth and parents.

"We're hoping to convey the complexity of these experiences to launch a dialogue in classes," Dias said. "By understanding the complexities, we can find solutions. If we're not talking about solutions, nothing changes."

Ex Cathedra opens Thursday, June 14 at 135 Seraphin-

Marion and will be playing throughout the Fringe with shows on Saturday, June 16 at 11:00 p.m., Sunday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m. and additional performances during the week.

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Bookstore bows out with a bang

End of an era

July 21

Closing day for Mother Tongue bookstore

Alternative book shop Mother Tongue Bookstore is closing its doors after nearly 18 years, and its co-owners are going to go out with a bang.

The Old Ottawa South bookstore will host a series of weekly events every Friday featuring authors, poets and musicians until the store closes July 21.

Mother Tongue co-owner Evelyn Huer said the series of events will help give back to the community that supported the store over the years and she is encouraging people to celebrate its legacy.

"I hope that they get that they're an integral part of filling the gap that is left and I just hope they go away

feeling happy for us," said Huer.

The first event on June 22 at 7 p.m. will include a presentation by acclaimed Ottawa author Elizabeth Hay and singer-songwriter Jill Zmud. Hay won a Giller Prize in 2007 for her book *Late Nights on Air*.

The store announced the decision to close on Tuesday after struggling with financial pressures and competition from big-box stores and



Author Elizabeth Hay HANDOUT

online retailers.

Huer said the shuttering of her store means people in Ottawa will lose a "place to find things that are a little

bit off the beaten path."

"We're losing one of the meeting places in the city for poetry and literature."

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Conference looking at social barriers welcomes children's rights wunderkind

Speech by Craig Kielburger. Conference organizers say breaking social barriers can give boost to mental-health therapy and community work

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"We can do small things with great love." It was a message children's rights activist Craig Kielburger delivered at the Winds of Change conference at the University of Ottawa Thursday to an adoring crowd.

The theme of the conference was social justice and Kielburger, the keynote speaker, spoke about his work as co-founder of Me to We, a for-profit organization that provides socially responsible products and donates half its profits to Free the Children, a non-profit also

founded by Kielburger.

Free the Children was founded in 1995 when Kielburger wanted to expose child labour to North Americans. The organization has an Adopt a Village program that provides education, health care, clean water and sanitation in rural communities in seven countries around the world.

Free the Children also hosts an annual event called We Day where youth are asked to commit to taking on a local and global action for change over the course of a year. Students are rewarded with the event, which features activists, speakers and musical performances.

Cristelle Audet, one of the conference's organizers and an assistant professor at the University of Ottawa's faculty of education, said Winds of Change partners wanted to take a closer look at social injustice.

"We have to recognize the individual's problems may come from a barrier within society," she said.



Craig Kielburger poses for a photo with Metro after his keynote speech at the Winds of Change conference at the University of Ottawa Thursday.
NOURAN ABDELLATIF/FOR METRO

Mayor says he wants to keep recreation-fee freeze



Mayor Jim Watson JESSICA SMITH/METRO

A local "hockey mom" got a scoop in Thursday's online chat with Mayor Jim Watson — who said he will ask council to freeze recreation fees in the 2013 budget.

This month's online chat was hosted by Metro.

"I know recreation fees have been frozen for a little while now. Is that going to continue?" the woman, who signed in as "Linda Simpson," asked. "It's been helpful as a hockey mom since, as you may or may not know, hockey can be prohibitively expensive."

Watson said Ottawa's

recreation fees have been among the highest in the province and have been frozen in the last two budgets.

Continuing the freeze in 2013 "will allow our fees to come in line with other major cities and make sports and cultural programs more affordable for parents and grandparents," he wrote.

"This is my first announcement for the 2013 budget right here online!" he added.

Watson took questions on a wide range of issues.

One Metro reader asked via Facebook about his opposition to having supervised in-

jection sites in Ottawa — and for him to "cite sources."

"My first priority is treatment, and that's why I've worked alongside people like (former police chief) Vern White and (United Way CEO) Michael Allen to raise funds to get a youth residential treatment centre up and running in the west end, and later this year we open a smaller site in Vanier for francophone young people," he said.

The mayor also took a number of questions about the western light-rail route, including about potentially running the route along the

National Capital Commission land of the Ottawa River Parkway and from people concerned about the potential for the train to run through Byron Park.

"I want everyone including the NCC to keep an open mind and allow the environmental assessment and our Transportation Master Plan to run its course before we make any final decision on a route," he wrote.



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MPs lose sleep over budget bill

Dishevelled MPs appear in the House of Commons around the halfway point of a 24-hour voting spree on proposed amendments to the omnibus bill.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper



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Parliament Hill. Flaherty accuses NDP of stalling as opposition gets comfortable for marathon voting session

The two sleep-deprived sides of the House of Commons kept vigilant watch on each other Thursday as bleary-eyed MPs stood up and sat down over and over again, their 24-hour marathon voting session pushing past the halfway mark.

"I've got to get myself comfy — off come the shoes," said New Democrat MP Glenn Thibault, describing one of

the many ways MPs sought comfort through the 12th hour of voting on more than 800 amendments to Bill C-38.

Members of Parliament bobbed from their seats through the night and into the afternoon as they voted on 871 opposition motions that are designed to thwart, or at least publicize, the Harper government's sprawling omnibus budget-implementation bill.

Liberal House leader Marc Garneau's best guess for when the voting would finally be over? Likely 1 a.m. Friday morning, he said — 24 hours after it began.

The long haul seemed to have taken a toll on Finance Minister Jim Flaherty. He was

waspish in his comments about the opposition's efforts to delay passage of his budget bill.

"This is not a time for gamesmanship," Flaherty said. "This is a serious time in which we need to protect Canada and advance our economic agenda ... and we'll do whatever we have to do today and tonight and in the early hours of tomorrow morning to get the job done."

NDP House leader Nathan Cullen had tried to win unanimous consent to hold question period at the regular time, only to be shouted down from the government benches.

Flaherty was scornful of Cullen's gambit, saying the

NDP wasted several hours before voting even began and were deliberately taking their time getting to their feet during each individual vote.

Cullen, meanwhile, wasn't surprised his motion for question period was shouted down.

"The government doesn't really like question period all that much," he said. "Something about being held to account."

The legislation contains a bewildering maze of changes to dozens of statutes. Critics say such omnibus bills amount to a massive abuse of Parliament — an argument a young Stephen Harper once made with some conviction as a Reform MP. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Twitter

What was on the minds of some of the MPs during the marathon voting session, shared via Twitter:

@MarcGarneau ●●●●
The smell of bacon is wafting into the House of Commons. I remain focused like a laser #BudgetFAIL #C38 #LPC

@MeganLestieMP ●●●●
Slipped out a few votes ago to brush my teeth. I'm a new woman! #omnibudget, watch out.

@KyleSeeback ●●●●

Just got permission from the whip for an unplanned bathroom break. Let the good times roll!

@ElizabethMay ●●●●
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Secret files kept by Boy Scouts ordered released

Scouts tried to keep them private. Court in the U.S. says use of the files in a molestation suit makes them part of the public record

'Perversion files'

20K

The 20,000-page files contain accusations against scout leaders that ranged from child abuse to lesser offences.

A court in the U.S. has approved the release of so-called "perversion files" compiled by the Boy Scouts of America on suspected child molesters within the organization over two decades.

This will give the public its first chance to review the files on 1,200 people.

The files gathered from 1965 to 1985 came to light when they were used as evidence in a landmark Oregon ruling in 2010 that the Scouts had failed to protect a plaintiff who had been molested by an assistant scoutmaster in the early 1980s.

The Scouts were ordered to pay the man \$18.5 million U.S.

The case drew attention to the organization's efforts to keep child molesters out of its

leadership ranks.

In recent years, the Boy Scouts have faced numerous lawsuits from men who say they were molested as children by scout leaders.

The Boy Scouts fought to keep the files sealed, arguing that opening them could unfairly affect those who were suspected but never convicted of abuse.

Media organizations challenged the Scouts' efforts to keep the files under seal, arguing that their introduction by attorneys in the suit makes them public record. A judge agreed.

The files are part of a larger trove of documents the Boy Scouts began compiling several decades ago on people flagged as possible molesters.

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An American court has approved the release of 20,000 pages of files compiled by the Boy Scouts of America over 20 years. DON RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baltimore. Cannibalism suspect in U.S. charged with attempted murder

A Kenyan cannibalism suspect was indicted Thursday on a more serious charge of attempted murder in a different attack at a Baltimore university dorm.

Alexander Kinyua, 21, already faced assault and reckless endangerment charges in a May attack at Morgan State University.

But a Baltimore grand jury on Thursday indicted him on charges of first- and second-degree attempted murder and first- and second-degree assault. The state's attorney's office declined to comment on the indictment.

Joshua Caesar said Kinyua hit him over the head with a baseball bat wrapped in barbed wire and chains as he walked into Kinyua's campus apartment, knocking him out. Friends who followed a blood trail from the door to a back room told Caesar they discovered Kinyua standing over him with a knife.

Days later, Caesar learned Kinyua had told sheriff's investigators that he used a knife to kill and carve up Kujoe Bonsafo Agyei-Kodie, 37,

before eating his heart and brain. Agyei-Kodie, a native of Ghana, had been staying at the Kinyua family's home for about six weeks when he disappeared May 25.

Kinyua was charged with murder and assault in the killing.

Caesar has said he believes Kinyua planned the same for him.

Attorney Richard Boucher, who represented Kinyua at a bail hearing in the assault, told the judge that Kinyua acted out of fear for his life when he hit Caesar.

Kinyua had told the attorney that Caesar had told him he would have a gun the next time he saw him, he said. Caesar denies this.

Some, including Caesar and his attorney, have raised questions about whether the university should have looked more closely at Kinyua after a December outburst in a computer lab that led to his expulsion from the campus military reserve training program and comments about "blood sacrifice" at a university forum. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Battered woman defence could include hiring hit-men

Supreme Court. 2008 Nova Scotia case could reshape defence for abused spouses

Nicole Ryan had just been arrested and locked up for trying to hire a hit man to kill her abusive husband — and she couldn't believe her good fortune.

Caught by an undercover RCMP officer in March 2008, Ryan was subjected to a court-ordered psychiatric assessment at the Nova Scotia Hospital. Her young daughter was in protective custody and safe from her father — a man who had threatened to kill them both.

"I felt very safe ... I could almost say that I was treated like a queen," she recalled at her trial, where she was ultimately acquitted of counselling to commit murder.

"I asked the doctor if I could stay longer, but I was not permitted to stay longer. I got the chance and the opportunity to ... to breathe, to calm down ... and find Nicole."

On Thursday, the Supreme Court of Canada embarked on its own formidable search: determining whether the battered woman's defence should be expanded to include the hiring of a hit man to kill an abusive spouse.

The Supreme Court heard arguments in the emotionally-

charged case, and when it issues a ruling — possibly as early as this fall — it could reshape the landmark defence for abused women that it already established in a 1990 decision.

The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal upheld Ryan's acquittal in 2010.

A full panel of nine Supreme Court justices heard competing arguments over the merits of two different criminal law defences at play in Ryan's case that can allow an accused person to be acquitted of a crime — that they acted in self-defence or that they were acting under duress.

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Courtroom drama

Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin had a sharp exchange with prosecutor William Delaney over whether the facts of Ryan's case could be adapted to fit the Criminal Code definition of self-defence, under which the battered woman's defence falls.

- "Why is it not open to us to say self-defence was available, take the findings of fact of the trial judge, apply the law to those findings of fact and give the remedy accordingly?" McLachlin said in response to Delaney's doubts.



A lesson in peaceful demonstration

Adam Boutlidja, left, a student at Cavellier-De LaSalle High School plays the guitar alongside fellow students outside the school Thursday in Montreal, to support a teacher that had been suspended for showing high-school students the infamous video that shows a killing allegedly committed by Luka Rocco Magnotta. The teacher has since been fired. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Charest says he's 'had enough'

Premier Jean Charest is angry at organizers of a Fete nationale party, whom he accuses of ruining the spirit of Quebec's June 24 holiday with an irresponsible programming choice.

He's upset they have invited a rock band whose lyrics make insulting or threatening references to certain politicians, namely those who tend to be more conservative.

It's the same anarchist rock band whose promotional

art shows a likeness of the premier dead, at the feet of Quebec solidaire politician Amir Khadir.

The premier says he's had enough.

He says in the last few months, during the student protests, too many people in Quebec have been trivializing violence, and it's becoming disturbing.

"We've been seeing a phenomenon in Quebec for a few months that is sad and trou-

ling," Charest told reporters Thursday in Quebec City.

He said the June 24 Fete nationale belongs to all Quebecers and shouldn't carry political overtones that pit one Quebecer against another. The event frequently does get infused with politics, as artists performing at the event and its hosts often show their pro-independence stripes.

This year, the band Mise En Demeure was invited to the Quebec City party on the

Quoted

"We've been seeing a phenomenon in Quebec ... that is sad and troubling"

Jean Charest, Quebec Premier

Plains of Abraham. The band has reportedly pulled out of the event amid the controversy, and is expected to address the media later Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Defamation

Right-wing commentator Smith to stand trial

The Ontario Court of Appeal has ordered that a right-wing commentator Roger Smith go on trial for allegedly making defamatory statements during a heated online exchange.

John Baglow operates a left-wing political blog on which he has spoken out in favour of the repatriation of Omar Khadr and called for the Guantanamo Bay prisoner to receive a fair trial.

Baglow alleges Smith defamed him in a series of responses to his blog postings, during which he called Baglow "one of the Taliban's more vocal supporters."

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Ornge. Ambulance funding threatened by conservatives

Ontario's Progressive Conservatives are playing a dangerous game of political brinkmanship by threatening to cut off funding to the Ornge air-ambulance service, the Liberal government charged Thursday.

The Tories moved a motion to stop funding Ornge if the Liberals won't agree to a select a committee to look into a long-running scandal at the air-ambulance service, which set up a confusing web of spinoff companies and hid huge salaries from public disclosure.

Health Minister Deb Matthews accused the Tories of playing politics with people's lives by threatening to cut funding to air ambulances.

"I think it is absolutely outrageous to put forward a motion that would fire all the

pilots, fire all the paramedics, ground the aircraft," said Matthews.

"This puts peoples' lives at risk, make no mistake about it. They are using patients as pawns (and) I think it is despicable."

Conservative Frank Klees said the Opposition had no other option to force the Liberals to allow a more powerful select committee to investigate Ornge, which is also the target of a provincial police investigation.

People should understand the threat of cutting off funding to defend the air ambulance service, its pilots and paramedics, who want to hear all the details about the scandal and possible ties to the Liberal government, added Klees.

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Egyptian court dissolves parliament, concentrates generals' grip on power

Presidential runoff.

Rulings are a 'full-fledged coup:' Islamic Brotherhood member

Judges appointed by Hosni Mubarak dissolved Egypt's Islamist-dominated parliament Thursday and ruled his former prime minister eligible for the presidential runoff election this weekend — setting the stage for the military and remnants of the old regime to stay in power.

The politically charged rulings dealt a heavy blow to the fundamentalist Islamic Brotherhood, with one senior member calling the decisions a "full-fledged coup," and the group vowed to rally the public against the military.

The decision by the Supreme Constitutional Court effectively erased the tenuous progress from Egypt's troubled transition in the past year, leaving the country with no parliament and concentrating power even more firmly in

Military might

- Activists who engineered Egypt's uprising have long suspected the generals would try to cling to power, explaining that after 60 years as the nation's single most dominant institution, the military would be reluctant to surrender its authority or leave its economic empire to civilian scrutiny.

the hands of the generals who took over from Mubarak.

Several hundred people gathered in Cairo's Tahrir Square after the rulings to denounce the action and rally against former Prime Minister Ahmed Shafiq, the presidential candidate seen by critics as a symbol of Mubarak's autocratic rule. But with no calls by the Brotherhood or other groups for massive demonstrations, the crowd did not grow.

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An Egyptian boy peers out from barbed wire, his face painted with the number 25, the date of the Egyptian revolution, during a protest in front of the Supreme Constitutional Court in Cairo, Egypt, on Thursday. Egypt's highest court has ruled that Hosni Mubarak's last prime minister can stay in the presidential race.

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West Bank-bound. Ex-Israeli soldier wants to become a Palestinian now

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- Officially renouncing Israeli citizenship is a lengthy, complicated process. Interior Ministry spokeswoman Sabine Hadad said that one has to file a request at an Israeli representative office overseas, prove that one has another citizenship and then await a ruling, which is not always granted.

In an odd twist to the decades-old Israeli-Palestinian saga, a former Israeli soldier has embarked on a new fight: He wants to renounce his Israeli citizenship and move to a Palestinian refugee camp in the West Bank.

Andre Pshenichnikov, a 23-year-old Jewish immigrant from Tajikistan, was recently detained by Israeli police for residing illegally in the Deheishe Refugee Camp near Bethlehem.

There he told police that he wants to break all ties with Israel, give up his Israeli citizenship and obtain a Palestinian one instead.

Pshenichnikov is currently travelling in Europe for two months. When he returns, he hopes to move to the West Bank.

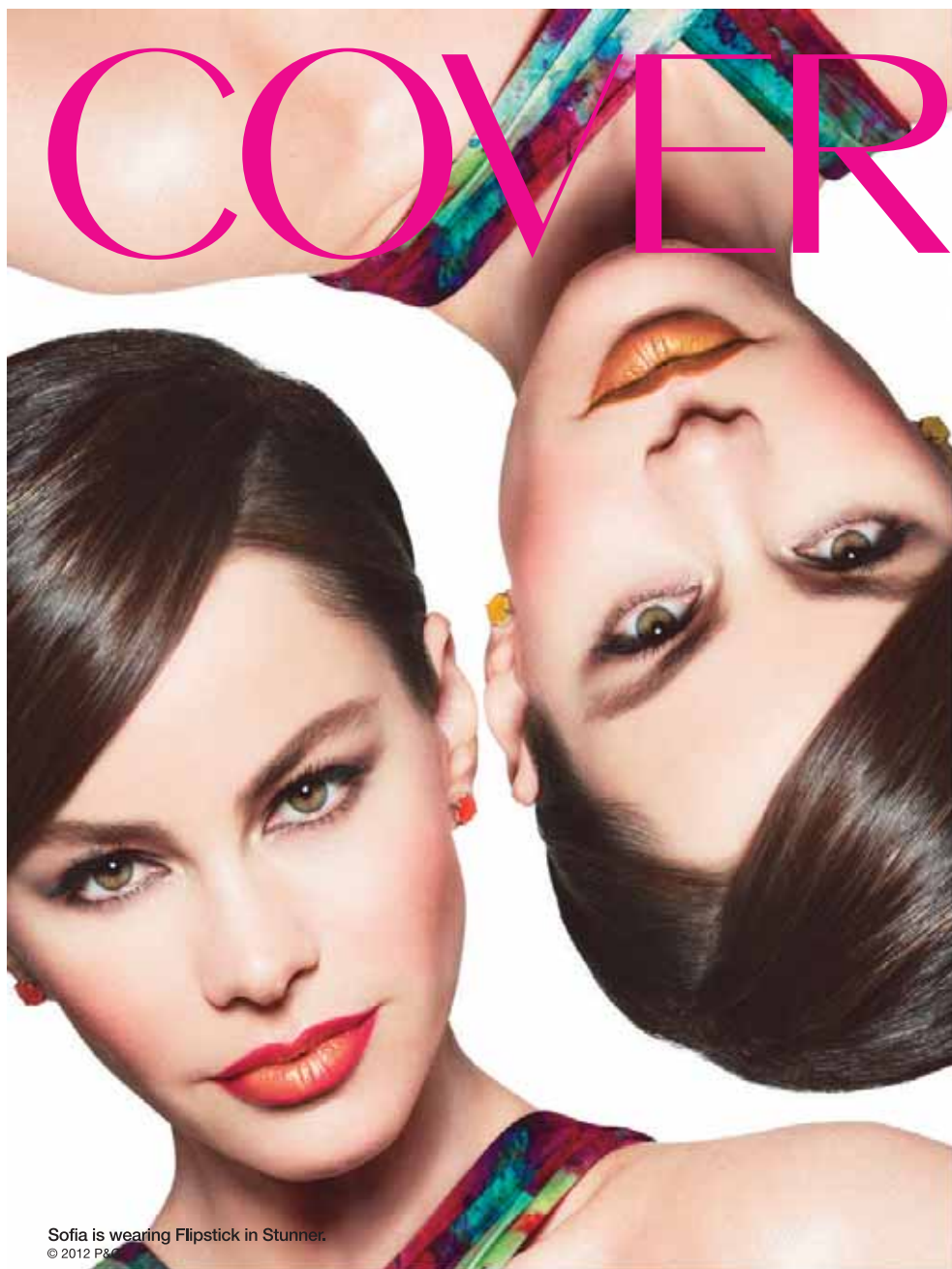
It's incredibly rare for Israelis to seek to live under Palestinian rule. There are only a few known cases of Jewish Israelis who have done so, mostly ones who have married Palestinians, as well as a journalist for the Israeli daily Haaretz who moved to Ramallah and re-

ports from there. None is known to have renounced Israeli citizenship — though some Israelis living abroad have. Nor is any known to have sought Palestinian residency instead. Israel does not allow dual citizenships.

Reached at his Israeli home, Pshenichnikov's mother, Svetlana, said she was troubled by her son's plans.

"I'm his mother and I am trying to support him like a mother should," she said. "But I don't support his war."

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In this 2003 photo, Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks with Lyudmila Narusova, right, widow of former St. Petersburg Ksenia has recently joined the ranks of the opposition activists. ITAR-TASS/PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Putin admin targets It Girl- turned-activist

Dramatic shift. Socialite Ksenia Sobchak was initially shunned by activists due to close personal ties to Putin



Russian socialite and TV host Ksenia Sobchak. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

"I'm Ksenia Sobchak, and I've got something to lose. But I'm here." That's what the 30-year-old blond socialite and TV personality said when she began her unlikely foray into political activism by taking the stage at a huge anti-Putin rally in December.

It was a shaky start. Sobchak was greeted with jeers and boos from protesters, who derided her as a rich party girl and were suspicious of her motives because of her family's close personal ties to Vladimir Putin. Six months later, Sobchak has been accepted into the ranks of Russia's protest leaders, completing a transformation that reflects the civic awakening of millions of young Russians after a decade of political passivity.

Young Internet-savvy office workers, students and mem-

bers of what is known as the "creative class" form the heart of the protest movement that has drawn tens of thousands onto the streets of Moscow since a December parliamentary election was won by Putin's party with what observers said was widespread fraud.

Putin has taken a tougher approach toward the opposition since returning to the presidency in May. But while hundreds of demonstrators have been detained over the

past month, Sobchak found out only this week that she does indeed have something to lose. Her apartment was among the homes of protest leaders that were raided by police. They read her personal correspondence, seized her passport — and confiscated at least one million euros (\$1.3 million) in cash.

It was a quick change of fortune for Russia's It Girl.

Sobchak had been considered untouchable because of Putin's enduring loyalty to her late father, who as mayor of St. Petersburg in the early 1990s gave Russia's future president his first government job and launched his political career. Putin began a third term on May 7 after four years as prime minister.

When asked about Putin, rumoured to be her godfather, Sobchak has expressed gratitude to him for taking care of her family after her father, Anatoly Sobchak, fell out of political favour. She has been restrained in her criticism of Putin himself, while at the same time calling for more open government, fair elections and an end to the corruption that pervades Russian society. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



mayor Anatoly Sobchak, and Sobchak's daughter Ksenia, as he visited Sobchak's grave of at a St. Petersburg cemetery.

Opposition

A glance at the activists

Ahead of an anti-Putin rally Tuesday, Russian investigators searched homes of several key opposition figures and summoned them for questioning. Here is a look at some of those leading the protests.

ALEXEI NAVALNY



The 36-year-old corruption-fighting lawyer and popular blogger has played a key role in mobilizing Russia's young to rally against Putin's rule. The charismatic and ambitious Navalny spearheaded a series of rallies in Moscow during the winter

that brought up to 100,000 people in the streets in the run-up to March's vote. He reaches tens of thousands through his blog and has more than 250,000 followers on Twitter. Navalny has tapped into people's anger over the corruption that pervades public life.

SERGEI UDALTSOV



The leader of the Left Front opposition movement, 35-year-old Udaltsov has been at the forefront of anti-Putin protests for several years. A great-grandson of a Bolshevik revolutionary, Udaltsov has consistently defied the authorities, staging unsanctioned

marches and rallies. He also launched numerous hunger strikes and spent weeks in hospitals. During his political career, Udaltsov was arrested more than 100 times and spent months in prison.

ILYA YASHIN



The 28-year-old member of the leadership of the opposition Solidarity movement has been among key organizers of recent protests. A fiery speaker, Yashin is a passionate critic of the government. "A smart government deals with reasons for protest. A stupid government fights protesters," he said on his blog. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Russia. Official accused of death threat

Russia's top investigator denied Thursday that he threatened to kill an investigative reporter over a story that lambasted his agency, but apologized for an "emotional outburst" with the journalist.

Novaya Gazeta, Russia's leading investigative publication, claimed Wednesday that Investigative Committee chief

Gen.-Col. Alexander Bastrykin took reporter Sergei Sokolov to a forest outside Moscow where he threatened to kill him and then joked that he would lead the investigation into his death.

The alleged June 4 incident followed Sokolov's story that accused Bastrykin's agency of failing to punish the perpetrator of a 2010 killing

of 12 people, including four children, by a gang in southern Russia.

Bastrykin said he had invited the journalist to meet the team that investigated the 2010 killings — and then had a "very emotional conversation" with him. But the conversation did not take place in a forest, he insisted. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Air India bombing. Reyat to appeal record perjury sentence of nine years

An Air India bomber who received Canada's longest perjury sentence is appealing the conviction in a Vancouver court.

Inderjit Singh Reyat was handed a nine-year prison sentence last year for lying repeatedly at the 2003 trial of two men charged with mass murder and conspiracy.

Reyat was a Crown witness at the trial of Ripudaman Singh Malik and Ajaib Singh Bagri, who were acquitted in the biggest case of aviation terrorism before the 9-11 attacks.

Reyat's testimony was part of a deal that saw him plead guilty to manslaughter in the deaths of 329 people aboard Air India Flight 182 in 1985.

He'd already served a 10-

Disaster

Air India Flight 182 was allegedly bombed by Sikh rebels on June 23, 1985, killing 329 people on board

- **One conviction:** Despite a \$130 million investigation and trial, Inderjit Singh Reyat was the only person convicted.

year sentence for the same-day deaths of two Tokyo baggage handlers who were killed when a bomb-laden suitcase meant for another Air India plane exploded prematurely. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Killer judge

Delisle guilty of 1st-degree murder

Jacques Delisle, believed to be the first Canadian judge to ever stand trial for murder, was found guilty of in the first-degree killing of his invalid wife.

Now that a jury has found that he shot his wife, Marie-Nicole Rainville, in the head with a pistol, the 77-year-old retired judge will automatically receive the sternest possible sentence in the Criminal Code: life in prison, with no possibility of parole for 25 years.

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Victim suing sex killer Russell Williams, Ontario



Col. Russell Williams is denying that a woman he tied up and sexually assaulted is entitled to compensation. **NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Seeks compensation.

Victim Massicotte claims attack left her and daughters fearful, humiliated, depressed and even suicidal

Convicted murderer Russell Williams is denying that a woman he tied up and sexually assaulted is entitled to compensation from him for pain and suffering.

In a statement of defence to a lawsuit launched by Laurie Massicotte in Belleville, Ont., Williams says she will have to prove her claims in court.

And he wants her to pay for his bills to fight her lawsuit.

Massicotte, who has chosen to reveal her identity and speak about her ordeal, filed a nearly \$7 million lawsuit in September against Williams.

The attack left her fearful, humiliated, depressed, suicidal, unable to function in society and she will require extensive therapy, Massicotte said in her statement of claim. Williams broke into her

house on Sept. 29, 2009, hit her over the head, tied her up, sexually assaulted her and took pornographic pictures, according to Massicotte.

The former colonel pleaded guilty to the attack on Massicotte, admitting to those facts in court in October 2010.

For the purposes of the lawsuit Williams' statement of defence challenges Massicotte to a burden of "strict proof" of her claims about the attack and resulting anguish. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hardly open and shut

Both parties named in Massicotte's suit are launching their defences

- **Williams' defence team** maintains Massicotte must prove she's suffering as a direct result of his attack
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Video shows Mexican police kidnapping murder victims

Corruption. Gunmen with officers could belong to the Jalisco New Generation drug gang: Investigators

There it was on video: Five heavily armed policemen barge into a hotel in Lagos de Moreno, western Mexico, before dawn on Jan. 20 and march out with three handcuffed men in underwear.

But police weren't making an arrest. Prosecutors say they apparently were taking orders from criminals. Just hours after the three were seized, they were found asphyxiated and beaten to death.

Mexicans have become

inured to lurid tales of police collaboration with narcotics gangs during 5 1/2 years of a drug war that has cost more than 47,500 lives. But seldom can they actually see it occur, and the video broadcast on national television was a shocker.

"One assumes that in some cities ... the municipal police work for the drug cartels," said Jorge Chabat an expert on security and drug trafficking at the Center for Economic Research and Teaching. "But what is different here is that there is a video. It's not the same thing to imagine that this (is) going on, and to see it."

The officers were not detained until June 6 and they still have not been formally charged with any crime. "It took time to obtain the video

tapes, to do the investigation, and to get the arrest warrants," said Jalisco state prosecutor's spokesman Lino Gonzalez said Thursday.

The release of the dramatic images comes less than three weeks before national and state elections in which security is a major issue. Critics accuse President Felipe Calderon of setting off a bloodbath with his strategy against gangs, while his party's presidential candidate, Josefina Vazquez, has suggested her opponents are ready to compromise with the cartels.

The victims were from Coahuila state, where the hyperviolent Zetas cartel has been battling the Sinaloa cartel, allies of the Jalisco Nueva Generacion gang. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Rare footage

- **Outside hotel.** Police truck pulls up to the hotel, followed by a pickup carrying four armed men.
- **List.** A policeman retrieves what looks like a list from the truck and enters hotel with other officers.
- **Kidnapping.** Victims are trotted out of the hotel; police watch as their luggage and vehicle are stolen.
- **Exit.** Police truck carrying victims follows gunmen as they drive away in the pickup and stolen vehicle.



In this frame grab taken from video filmed by a surveillance camera on Jan 20, 2012, and released by the Jalisco state prosecutor's office on Thursday, three men walk away from a hotel in their underwear with their hands tied behind their backs and some blindfolded. They are being led by men dressed in police uniforms toward police vehicles in Lagos de Moreno, Mexico. The men later were found asphyxiated and beaten to death.

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Sanctions lifted. Coke to start selling its soft drinks in Myanmar

The Coca-Cola Co. plans to start selling its drinks in Myanmar for the first time in 60 years, following the U.S. government's decision to suspend sanctions on the country for its democratic reforms.

Myanmar is one of three countries where Coca-Cola doesn't do business.

The other two are Cuba and North Korea.

The world's biggest soft drink maker said Thursday it will start doing business in the country as soon as the U.S. government issues a license allowing American companies to make such investments.

The U.S. announced last month that it was suspending restrictions on American investments in the Southeast Asian country, which is still easing toward democracy. Until last year, Myanmar had been led by an oppressive military junta.

Coca-Cola said its products will initially be imported from neighbouring countries as it establishes local operations in Myanmar; the

Cokeless lands? Only two

As part of its push in Myanmar, Coca-Cola said it is donating \$3 million to support job creation for women in the country. The company will work with PACT, a non-governmental group that supports economic and health initiatives in developing nations.

- Coke says Cuba was one of the first countries where it did business, opening operations in the nation in 1906. But after the Cuban Revolution the company exited, in 1960.

- Coke has never operated in North Korea; Coke products there or in Cuba are from third parties.

company notes that it is has a history of being the among the first to enter or re-enter markets. In 1949, Coca-Cola and other foreign companies were expelled from China. After relations were established again in 1979, Coke was back. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Ganga bows to Buddha statue in Colombo

A seven-year old female elephant, Ganga, owned by a Buddhist temple, is prompted to bow down to Buddha's statue at a temple in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Tame elephants traditionally have an important role in the Island's Buddhist customs and are considered a status symbol. Colourfully decorated, they are used to carry sacred relics in annual Buddhist processions.

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Meeting four friends

Cybercrime and national security chat Friday

The marathon voting session on the government's budget bill forced Justice Minister Rob Nicholson to scrub a meeting with his American counterpart. Nicholson was unable to take part in a bilateral meeting Thursday with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder. He was needed to help the government vote down a series of opposition amendments. He plans to meet Holder and representatives of three other allies Friday.

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Child survival action

The Clinton-Affleck agenda

What do Hollywood star Ben Affleck and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton have in common? Both think every child in the world deserves a fifth birthday. They attended a conference on child mortality on Thursday.

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MDMA. Ecstasy can be 'safe' if consumed responsibly, says B.C. health officer

B.C.'s top health official says taking pure ecstasy can be "safe" when consumed responsibly by adults, despite warnings by police in Alberta and British Columbia about the dangers of the street drug after a rash of deaths.

Dr. Perry Kendall asserts the risks of MDMA — the substance once synonymous with ecstasy — are overblown, and that dangers only arise when the man-made chemical is polluted by money-hungry gangs who cook it up.

That's why the chief provincial health officer is suggesting the risks of black market MDMA could be mitigated, for example, if it were legalized and sold through licensed, government-run stores where the product is strictly regulated from assembly line to check-out.

He took issue with a story by The Canadian Press Thursday that characterized him as advocating legalization, saying that isn't his position.

"I am quite a strong critic of prohibition because I don't think it keeps drugs out of the hands of vulnerable people and I don't think it does much to reduce harmful use and I



Ecstasy THE CANADIAN PRESS

Deaths

- At least 16 people from B.C. to Saskatchewan have died since last July from a tainted batch of ecstasy they obtained from criminal dealers, the only way an average person can acquire the drug in Canada. It was cut with a toxin called PMMA.
- Police say an average of 20 British Columbians who consume street ecstasy die each year.

think it has other harmful effects like putting billions of dollars into the hands of criminal enterprises," Kendall said late Thursday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Coexist. Cougars spreading across U.S. Midwest after being nearly wiped out

Cougars are again spreading across the U.S. Midwest a century after they were hunted to near extinction in much of the region, a new study says.

The findings, detailed in The Journal of Wildlife Management, showed 178 cougar confirmations in the Midwest and as far south as Texas between 1990 and 2008.

Researchers said the study poses fresh questions about how humans and livestock can coexist with the re-emerging predators, who have made startling appearances in recent years in downtown Santa Monica, Calif., and

even in a Chicago alley.

Wildlife officials have said it's unclear how many of the animals may be in the Midwest, where they are not federally protected and, in some states, can be hunted.

"We (now) know there are a heck of a lot more cougars running around the Midwest than in 1990," said Clay Nielsen, a Southern Illinois University wildlife ecologist who co-authored the report while heading the non-profit Cougar Network's research. "We've got an interesting and compelling picture to talk about now." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Cougars are repopulating the Midwest a century after the generally reclusive big cats were hunted to near extinction in much of the region, according to a new study detailed in The Journal of Wildlife Management. WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saskatchewan

Hockey mom sentenced for encounters with 14-year-old boys

A Saskatchewan hockey mom has been sentenced to two years behind bars for sexual encounters with three 14-year-old boys.

Kelley Minogue of Warman, a town north of Saskatoon, earlier pleaded guilty to the offences in December 2010. Court heard the divorced 37-year-old woman hosted drinking parties for the boys, all hockey players.

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Quebec inquiry

Government didn't care about my corruption report: Whistleblower

Quebec's corruption inquiry has heard its first incendiary testimony, with a prominent civil servant revealing himself as the man who leaked a document to the media about construction collusion because the government didn't care about it.

Jacques Duchesneau, a

former federal official and Montreal police chief said his political bosses clearly didn't care what he had to say. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Game of Thrones

HBO apologizes for Bush's head on a spike scene

HBO and producers of Game of Thrones apologized Thursday for a scene that depicted former President George W. Bush's severed head on a spike. The scene first aired last year and was repeated on a DVD release in March.

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Winnipeg

Bear cub needs rehab centre: Humane Society

The Winnipeg Humane Society says releasing a five-month-old bear cub into the wild would almost certainly doom him to death. The society says the provincial government should send the young bruin to a rehabilitation centre. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Killer's mental state likened to 'New Napoleon' delusions

Norway massacre.

Breivik's sanity is key to the case, and is still an unresolved issue

The psychiatrists who have faced intense criticism for deeming Anders Behring Breivik — the self-confessed killer of 77 people in Norway last year — too mentally unfit to go to prison defended their stance Thursday, calling him delusional.

Torgeir Husby and Synne Soerheim, who concluded that Breivik suffers from paranoid schizophrenia, stuck to their findings when presenting their 239-page report on the right-wing extremist's mental health to the court. They insisted he is driven by delusions rather than political conviction, saying he resembled people who believe they are the new Napoleon.

"One doesn't go collecting expertise in historical facts if a



Anders Behring Breivik
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new Napoleon is admitted (to a clinic), not even if he arrives in full uniform," Husby said.

Their report came under fire for lacking knowledge of right-wing terminology and for interpreting Breivik's political explanations for his rampage as symptoms of schizophrenia. The court then ordered a second evaluation by other

Good vs. evil

"He thinks he is going to save us all from perdition in a battle between good and evil. In this battle, he thinks he has overarching responsibility, a call, to decide who lives and who dies."

Synne Soerheim, a psychiatrist who has deemed Breivik insane

psychiatrists, who came to the opposite conclusion, deeming him sufficiently mentally competent to go to prison.

Breivik's sanity is key to the case and is still an unresolved issue. If found guilty and sane, the 33-year-old Norwegian would face 21 years in prison, although he could be held even longer if deemed a danger to society. If declared insane, he would be committed to compulsory psychiatric care.

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Families devastated after India's steel-plant explosion

An unidentified relative of an injured steel plant employee is consoled by another outside a hospital in Visakhapatnam, India. An explosion in the state-owned plant in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh has killed at least 11 people, while 16 other workers suffered serious burns both from the blast and a massive fire that broke out late Wednesday.

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South Africa murder

Brutal killing was a hate crime: Activists

A young gay man was killed and his body mutilated in South Africa, according to a gay rights group that on Thursday called the killing a hate crime.

Thapelo Makutle was found with his throat cut Saturday morning in a room he rented in Kuruman, a town in northwestern South Africa, police said in a statement. The motive of his death is unknown and the case is being investigated as a murder, police said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bad weather in India

12 kids among dead workers

A cargo truck carrying workers and their families overturned on a slippery road Thursday after overnight rains in western India, killing 24 people and injuring another 17, police said.

The workers had hitched a ride aboard the truck, police officer Bharat Bhai said. The dead included 12 children.

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Hutterite leaders blast documentary

American Colony.
Anabaptist leaders
upset with National
Geographic production

A TV documentary series about an Anabaptist community in Montana offers a “distorted” and contrived image, bishops representing the Hutterite faith in the U.S. and Canada said Thursday.

John Stahl, Peter Entz and John Waldner, bishops for the three sects encompassing the roughly 50,000 Hutterites and 500 colonies in North America, said in a joint statement they are “deeply disappointed” in National Geographic Channel’s American Colony: Meet the Hutterites.

The 10-part series that began airing last month promised a rare inside look at Hutterite colony life, focusing on the King Ranch Colony.

Why the clergy hated it

“... A distorted and exploitative version of Hutterite life.”

Hutterite bishops John Stahl, Peter Entz and John Waldner make a joint statement concerning the portrayal of their communities in a new 10-part television series.

The bishops accused producers of contriving scenes and dialogue in a “make believe” portrayal of “how we live and

the spiritual beliefs we cherish.”

The channel and the production company were reviewing the bishops’ joint statement Thursday and did not have an immediate comment.

Members of the King Ranch commune are depicted as drinking alcoholic beverages and cursing. Some parents are shown questioning their faith’s tenets, while a restless teenager flouts rules on dress and dating.

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Hutterite Judy Hofer picking carrots from the garden in King Colony, Mont., in the documentary American Colony. BEN SHANK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

‘Hell on earth.’ Judges tour Zimbabwe’s infamous jail

Zimbabwe’s top judges visited a notorious Harare jail Thursday after receiving complaints that it is filthy, ill-equipped and uninhabitable, but a rights activist and reporters who joined the tour said the cells had apparently been cleaned up just in time for the jurists’ arrival.

The five Supreme Court judges toured the main Harare police station cells and said they will rule later on whether to close down the cells because conditions are inhumane, in a suit brought by members of Women of Zimbabwe Arise, a group founded to champion women’s issues.

The group’s members have been arrested after demonstrations that featured rattling pots and pans to call attention to food shortages, or handing out red roses on Valentine’s Day to protest domestic and political violence.

The judges inspected only three dimly-lit cells with six concrete beds and no mattresses. Dozens more cells remained locked.

Cellblock makeover

“These were not the conditions we were detained in.”

Jenni Williams, founder of Women of Zimbabwe Arise, reacts to improved conditions of prisoner cells during Thursday’s tour of the Harare jail.

Reporters with the judges say the usually overcrowded cells were empty and appeared to have been cleaned.

Williams said she and three other activists who filed the suit were once detained in a cell “filled with pools of urine and littered with feces and condoms.” She said they were given frayed, foul-smelling blankets that were inadequate on cold stone floors. Fresh water was unavailable and jail authorities provided no food for prisoners, who relied on supplies from relatives.

“It was hell on earth, it was torture — all because we were demanding our rights,” Williams said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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30th Anniversary

Remembering the Falklands War

Falkland Islanders are celebrating the 30-year anniversary of the day British troops forced Argentina to give up its occupation.

Amid heavy snowfall, about 350 people followed a military parade down Stanley’s Ross Road to Liberation Monument where the sacrifices of British soldiers were honoured.

Britain’s Latin America Minister Jeremy Browne laid a wreath, as did the islands’ British Gov. Nigel Haywood and legislative assembly member Jan Cheek.

Argentina still claims the islands are part of its national territory, but Browne said in an interview on Falklands Radio that islanders alone must determine their future.

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China

Foxconn employee jumps to his death

A Foxconn Technology Group employee jumped to his death Wednesday from a company-rented apartment building in southwest China’s Sichuan province, local police said.

At least a dozen Foxconn employees have jumped to their deaths or tried to do so since 2010, casting spotlight on the world’s largest contract maker of electronics. The Taiwan-based company has been besieged with reports of poor working and living conditions for its workers at factories and dorms.

A public security bureau in Chengdu city identifies the employee only by the surname Xie and says the cause remains under investigation.

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Bank of Canada warning of fallout from EU crisis

A nation exposed. Federal regulatory body puts Canadians on alert over instability created by inflated real-estate values, household debt

The Bank of Canada continues to warn that the high level of household debt and overvalued real estate in this country have left the economy vulnerable if a financial shock erupts in Europe.

In its financial system review identifying risks to the economy, the bank noted certain segments of the housing market that have a persistent oversupply — such as condos in Toronto — face a higher risk of a price correction.

Using a hypothetical stress test, the bank says a three per cent increase in unemployment — about the same as occurred in the recent recession — would almost triple the proportion of indebted households that would go into arrears.

The current rate is currently about half a per cent

and could rise 1.3 per cent under that scenario.

A shock would also cut into net worth of Canadians. The bank points out that 40 per cent of household worth is tied to the value of their real estate holdings, compared to only 34 per cent a decade ago.

"Markets in Canada have been relatively stable ... nevertheless, a further significant deterioration in global financial conditions could have a considerable impact in Canada through trade, financial and confidence channels," the bank said Thursday its semi-annual financial systems review.

In fact, the bank says the spillover effects on Canada's financial institutions, such as banks, "would be substantial."

While the report does not attempt to place odds on the chance of a Europe-centred shock, it judges the risks as "very high."

The dire warning — not altogether unexpected from the central bank given renewed turbulence in Europe, including a possibility that Greece will exit the euro currency zone after Sunday's elections — gives some urgency to the G20 summit of leaders in Mex-

The ripple effect

The central bank concluded that the risks of a European financial meltdown could ripple around the world.

- **Diminished growth.** Rock-bottom interest rates would further erode the positions of life insurance companies and pension plans and boost household borrowing.
- **A negative feedback loop.** What the central bank is describing is a scenario almost identical to what happened in 2008 when the world was plunged into the worst downturn since the Great Depression.

ico next week, where Europe will be the main topic.

In Ottawa on Thursday, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said non-European countries in the G20 need to keep up the pressure on the Europeans to put up sufficient money to "overwhelm" the problem.

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A time for building bridges in Windsor?

Vehicles cross the Ambassador Bridge as viewed from Windsor, Ont., Monday, June 1, 2009. Prime Minister Stephen Harper will be in Windsor and across the river in Detroit on Friday amid speculation he will be helping announce a new bridge between the two border cities. About one-quarter of all Canada-U.S. trade currently flows across the Ambassador Bridge. But the bridge is close to 100 years old and bottlenecks are not uncommon. The Ontario Trucking Association is among those who have been eagerly awaiting the announcement of a second bridge. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Downsized. Nokia shares plunge after mass layoffs

Nokia shares plunged more than 15 per cent Thursday after the Finnish cellphone maker said it would slash 10,000 jobs and close a number of operations, including one in Canada, amid fierce competition in the industry.

The Finnish cellphone maker also announced personnel changes and said it has agreed to sell its luxury phone brand, Vertu.

The measures, aimed at additional cost savings of \$1.6 billion by the end of next year, will shut down research and development facilities in

Ulm, Germany, and Burnaby, B.C., among others.

The company's share price plunged more than 7 per cent to \$2.69 in morning trading in Helsinki.

Nokia has been struggling against fierce competition from Apple Inc.'s iPhone and other makers using Google Inc.'s popular Android software.

In April, Nokia announced one of its worst quarterly results ever, blaming tough competition for a \$929-million loss in the first quarter as sales plunged in the smartphone market. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The hot seat. British PM goes on the defensive at phone-hacking inquiry

A confident and unruffled Prime Minister David Cameron on Thursday defended his ill-fated decision to make disgraced tabloid editor Andy Coulson his communications director, even though the news executive had already been tarnished in Britain's phone-hacking scandal.

The leader also defended the conduct of Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt and the decision to put him in charge of judging Rupert Murdoch's controversial bid to take full control of the lucrative BSkyB broadcasting company. Hunt has been

accused by critics of being too close to the media mogul and his company, News Corp.

Cameron shed light on the cozy relationship he enjoyed with senior Murdoch executives as he tried to wrest control of Britain's government from the Labour Party before the 2010 general election that brought him to power.

In sworn testimony before a U.K. media ethics inquiry, Cameron said he chose Coulson for the key communications post because he wanted a tough man to implement his media strategy in a demand-

ing, 24/7 news environment.

Cameron said he had received assurances that Coulson was not personally involved in the phone-hacking scandal — but those proved hollow when Coulson was forced to resign from his senior government post last year after new revelations about widespread wrongdoing while he was top editor at the News of the World.

Cameron also admitted seeking the advice of Rebekah Brooks, another former tabloid editor facing criminal charges, before hiring Coulson.

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RIM pays former co-CEOs \$12M

Research in Motion. BlackBerry maker giving ex-leader Jim Balsillie \$8M and Mike Lazaridis, who remains on the RIM board, \$4M

The former co-CEOs of BlackBerry-maker Research in Motion will receive a combined \$12 million in payouts for leaving their roles at the

struggling company.

In a document filed with securities regulators on Thursday, ahead of the company's annual meeting in July, RIM outlined the details of what each former executive receives.

Jim Balsillie will be paid nearly \$8 million in salary and other compensation after stepping down as leader in January and leaving the company two months later.

Mike Lazaridis, who remains a member of the board,

will be paid about \$4 million in salary and compensation under the condition that he will "continue to make himself reasonably available" to help the company in the future.

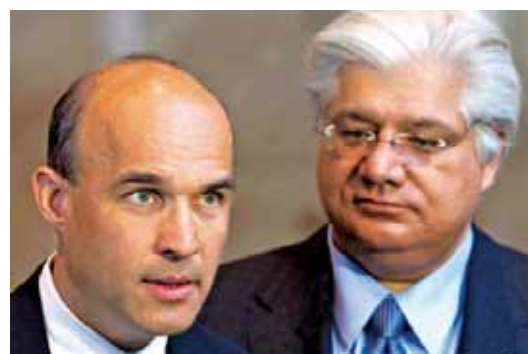
The deal also gives Lazaridis his own office, executive assistant, as well as a car and driver for two years, at a combined value of about \$733,000.

RIM says in the filings that Balsillie and Lazaridis "revolutionized the worldwide wireless industry with the introduction of the BlackBerry

and forever changed how the world communicates."

The company has seen its stock plummet and its financial results significantly weaken in the face of intense competition from the rival Apple iPhone and devices using Google's Android operating system.

In January, RIM promoted Thorsten Heins to the leadership role, a position that is earning him \$10.2 million for the company's 2012 financial year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Former Research in Motion co-CEOs Jim Balsillie, left, and Mike Lazaridis talk to media after an Ontario Securities Commission hearing in Toronto in 2009. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Amazon.com wants ".joy," Google wants ".love" and L'Oreal wants ".beauty."

Big brands are behind hundreds of proposals for new Internet addresses, including scores for generic terms such as "cruise," "kids" and "tires."

If approved, Amazon could use ".author" in an attempt to dominate online bookselling, while Google could use ".love" to collect registration fees from its rivals. Amazon and Google also are vying for ".app" and ".music," while the wine company Gallo Vineyards Inc. wants ".barefoot."

It's all part of the largest expansion of the Internet address system since its creation in the 1980s, a process likely to cause headaches for some companies while creating vast

The numbers

1,409

There were 1,930 proposals for 1,409 different suffixes. About 100 were for suffixes in non-English characters, including Chinese, Arabic and Thai.

opportunities for others.

The organization in charge of Internet addresses, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, announced the proposals for Internet suffixes Wednesday. A suffix is the ".com" part in a domain name.

The bids now go through a review that could take months or years. Up to 1,000 suffixes could be added each year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

\$7B Ponzi scheme

Ex-Texas tycoon sentenced to 110 years in prison

Former jet-setting Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford, whose financial empire once spanned the Americas, was sentenced Thursday to 110 years in prison for bilking investors out of more than \$7 billion US over 20 years in one of the largest Ponzi schemes in U.S. history.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner handed down the sentence during a court hearing in which two people spoke on behalf of Stanford's investors. Prosecutors had asked that Stanford be sentenced to 230 years in prison. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ill communication

Cable technicians going on strike Friday: Union

The union representing 200 technicians who service Rogers Communications Inc. customers in Ontario say they will go on strike on Friday at 8 a.m.

The workers, represented by the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada, are employed by Dependable Home Tech and Intek Communications Inc. The union has said one of the key issues is that employees are paid on a piece-work system, which creates financial instability. The union accused both Intek and DHT of refusing to bargain. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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1 **Buyer beware:** Céline Dion's 19-acre Île Gagnon retreat is the most expensive property ever listed on the Quebec housing market. The Normandy-style château is

listed at almost \$30 million, but rumour has it they may trade it straight up for Spain.

2 **Not cool:** Last weekend, an Ontario couple allegedly left their dog in a car with no water in 30 C heat. The dog died, and the owners face a \$2,000 fine, six months of jail time, or 18 hours in a sauna.

3 **Tall tales:** Friday, Nik Wallenda will attempt to cross the Niagara Gorge on a tightrope. Offspring of the legendary Flying Wallendas have been bred into death-defying feats for almost two centuries. Despite meticulous training, several have actually been killed or left disabled performing these acts. Someone in my family tripped on their shoelace in 1978, and the rest of us have been wearing loafers ever since. Just sayin'.

4 **Set your PVRs:** CBC's newest reality show will feature auditions to play Dorothy in Andrew Lloyd Webber's production of *The Wizard of Oz*, which hits Toronto's Ed Mirvish Theatre in December. Girls will compete for a chance to wear the ruby slippers on the cleverly entitled *Over the Rainbow*, where they will sing (you guessed it) *Over the Rainbow*. Another innovative gem from our federally funded friends at the CBC.

5 **Dallas:** TNT's revival of one of the most popular '80s shows is a success. With a good-looking new cast and a few originals, there probably won't be a "Who shot J.R.?" cliffhanger this time around. A more likely ending would be "Who slipped J.R. a Viagra?"

6 **Papillon:** A study at Yale University recently revealed that female butterflies preferred males with flashier wings. Erica Westerman, the study's lead author, says, "The male did not have to court them or engage in flashy behaviour. There is a bias in what females learn.... Extra ornamentation is better." Is this a metaphor?

7 **Rock of Ages:** The star-studded film version of the successful play debuts Friday. A safe choice for viewers who enjoy a good soundtrack. As I said two years ago when the play opened, you can expect your "run-of-the-mill, guitar-grinding, drum-thumping, head-banging, cross-gender, glam-metal, '80s rebel-rock." Who among us can't relate to that?

8 **Righteous rockers:** This week in 1964, the Rolling Stones were touring in the U.S. when they were reminded of a show that had been booked a year earlier. The band had to fly back to the U.K. to perform at Oxford's Magdalen College for £100 (\$160). Despite increased rates and demand, the gentlemen honoured their obligation. Airfare cost them £2,500 (\$4,000).

9 **Three words:** This weekend we pay homage to the men that raised us, taught us right from wrong, picked us up when we fell and snuck us a treat when mom said "No." Some left abruptly and some suffered far too long, but if your dad is around today, pick up the phone and tell him you love him, or head on over and give him a hug. It's better than a tie or that awful cologne, and will last a whole lot longer. Happy Father's Day.



The Rolling Stones CONTRIBUTED

Bare bones of archaeology



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Move over, Dracula

'Vampire' skeleton on display in Bulgaria

A skeleton dating back to the Middle Ages and recently unearthed in the town of Sozopol is displayed at the National History Museum in Sofia, Bulgaria, on Thursday.

Ever since archaeologists announced last week that they had found two ancient skeletons in Bulgaria with iron rods thrust through their chests, the media have been reporting

how Bulgarians once did that to prevent the dead from emerging from the grave as vampires. On Saturday, one of those skeletons will be put on display at the National History Museum, and its director, Bozhidar Dimitrov, says he expects there to be a big turnout.

Dimitrov said Thursday that some people who were believed to have led evil lives were treated that way when they were buried in parts of Bulgaria as recently as the beginning of the last century.

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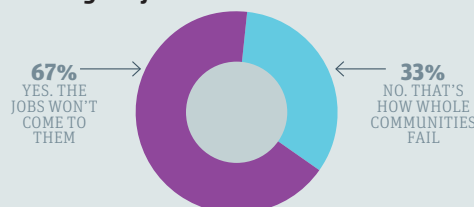


This 700-year-old skeleton was stabbed in the chest with an iron rod and had his teeth pulled before being put to rest. The media have reported that because vampire tales remain popular in Balkan countries, some people in the Black Sea resort of Sozopol, where the skeletons were found in a graveyard, are having trouble sleeping at night.



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Pretty sure the NDP uses #PnP polls and Twitter as a reliable gauge of their support. Looks like they're on track for 75% of the vote then!



Adam Sandler, right, pretty much rehashes his previous film characters in *That's My Boy*. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

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Sandler keeps sinking

That's My Boy. It looks like Adam Sandler has finally gone from tiresome to just embarrassing

Richard: Mark, I felt like I witnessed something special tonight. But not special in a good way. Tonight we sat through *That's My Boy* and I can't help but think that what we saw wasn't so much a movie, but more some kind of performance art where people who should know better do awful things and charge you 10 bucks to watch.

I hope this is some kind of postmodern art project, 'cuz a comedy it ain't. What did you think?

Mark: I didn't laugh, but I didn't expect to. What can you say about a movie that tries to resurrect Vanilla Ice's career, and almost succeeds?

Synopsis

Adam Sandler plays Donny Berger, a party animal who, at age 13, engaged in extracurricular activities with his homeroom teacher. When their lovemaking interrupted the graduation ceremony, she was sent to jail, and he was left to raise their baby Han Solo Berger (Andy Samberg), with disastrous results. Cut to present day. Father and son are estranged, and Donny's glory days are behind him. He needs \$43,000 to pay off taxes or he's going to jail. He turns to the one person he knows might have the money, his son, now a wealthy businessman on the eve of getting married.

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●●

You may call it performance art, but that would only be accurate if someone

actually performed in this pastiche. I don't know what irritated me more: Sandler's sketch acting style, Andy Samberg's unfunny, wussy role, the pedophilia and incest motifs, or the desperate, forced "edginess" of the movie. You're right about the movie being "special" — like a train wreck, I couldn't look away. At least I wasn't bored, although I spent a lot of time wishing I were.

RC: I think Adam Sandler has finally turned the corner from tiresome to embarrassing. It's hard to imagine a lazier rehashing of all the man-children he has played in the past.

There's shades of Mr. Deeds, Billy Madison and Happy Gilmore here, all topped off with a grating New England character voice that sounds like a cross between a can opener opening a can of Boston Baked Beans and screeching tires.

MB: I kept asking myself:

would this movie be more palatable if Sandler dropped the grating accent? And then I went one step further and recast the role with Steve Carell in the lead and you know what? It would still smell. Richard, you call Sandler's character a lazy rehash, but the whole movie is dripping in '80s and '90s nostalgia — probably the decades when Sandler's comedy made most sense. Can you pick a scene or actor in this mess that stood above the rest of it? Mine would have to be the scene set in the upscale mens' spa.

RC: No one escapes this movie unsullied. Also, what does Adam Sandler have against *The Godfather*?

First he debases Pacino in *Jack & Jill*, and now James Caan. It's a good thing Brando is gone.

MB: I just emailed Robert Duvall telling him to watch out. Sandler's obviously working his way down the list.

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Streep gives props to Davis

They may have been Oscar rivals earlier this year, but there's nothing but love between Meryl Streep and Viola Davis. Streep, who ended Davis' awards run for *The Help* by winning the lead actress Oscar for *The Iron Lady*, lauded her friend and colleague Tuesday at Women in Film's annual Crystal + Lucy Awards. She called Davis "a lion-hearted woman" and a gifted and determined actress.

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Musical



Rock of Ages

Director. Adam Shankman

Stars. Tom Cruise, Alec Baldwin, Russell Brand

Borrowed from Broadway, Rock of Ages takes the '80s hair-band-hit musical and turns it into a celebrity sing-a-long that's as shallow as Poison lyrics. Assembled by Adam Shankman (Hairspray) and featuring Tom Cruise (who can sing!) and Alec Baldwin (who can't), it wedges in a pencil-thin romance between two struggling singers. It aims to be nothin' but a good time, but when Cruise isn't strutting around ambiguously imitating Axl Rose, the story is tediously banal. **STEVE GOW**

Drama



Moonrise Kingdom

Director. Wes Anderson

Stars. Jared Gilman, Bruce Willis, Edward Norton

Wes Anderson's films aren't everyone's cup of tea. And with Moonrise Kingdom, the quirky auteur (The Royal Tenenbaums) doesn't bow to box-office pressure over originality either. Set in 1965, two adolescents fall in love and run away on a small island on the eve of a great storm. While Anderson won't likely recruit many new fans, there's no denying his evocative, meticulous style, which helps make this film a fascinating contemporary fable. **STEVE GOW**

Drama



Headhunters

Director. Morten Tyldum

Stars. Aksell Hennie, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau

In Headhunters, a cocky recruitment consultant-by day and art thief by night thinks he has the perfect heist planned for an expensive Rubens portrait. That is, until he finds himself hunted by the painting's owner — a tracking expert with the technological slickness of a Bond villain. A furious pace, dark humour and a gripping performance from Norwegian star Aksell Hennie all compensate for the slightly too tidy conclusion. **STEVE GOW**

Armageddon's a funny thing in Scafaria's film

Using heroin and orgies. Seeking a Friend for the End of the World finds comedy in how people prepare for their death

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When Armageddon comes, Lorene Scafaria will likely be found listening to music and dreaming of lost love.

"I'm very much a Penny," admitted the filmmaker about the Keira Knightley character in her new movie Seeking a Friend for the End of the World. "I'd probably be too flaky to get my act together yet I'd want to so badly."

In the apocalyptic comedy, Knightley and Steve Carell pair up as a giant asteroid brings end times to Earth — an event that's apparently not as tragic as it seems.

"Death is surreal," said Scafaria of her comic vision of humanity coping with in-



Keira Knightley, seated left, and Steve Carell star in the comedy Seeking a Friend for the End of the World. HANDOUT

evitable catastrophe through everything from doing heroin at dinner parties to destroying property. "I talked to some people who said they would go to work because they wouldn't know where else to go ... making decisions on how to spend your last three weeks just always seemed comical to me."

As such, the first-time director has drafted a clever cinematic mash-up between an "end-of-the-world" genre

film and a traditional romantic comedy.

Scafaria admits the movie "wasn't really given a life until Steve Carell got on board" and that it's his everyman quality that gives Seeking a Friend credibility.

"He's so subtle and charming obviously," said Scafaria. "(But) he's got such a love of humanity in himself and his work that I think most comedians don't bring to the table."

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Brave offers up a Disney princess like none you've ever seen before

New direction.

Rookie director Mark Andrews talks about how audiences expect something different from Pixar heroines

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First-time feature director Mark Andrews knows a thing or two about pressure. While he's been a longtime Pixar team member — and director Brad Bird's right-hand man — the task of taking on Brave, the animation studio's latest feature, was more than a little daunting. And it doesn't help that he had to step in for original director Brenda Chapman. But Andrews loves a challenge almost as much as he loves Scotland, where the tale takes place.

Scotland seems like such a



Pixar's new animated film Brave stars Kelly Macdonald as the voice of bold, free-thinking Princess Merida. HANDOUT

mystical place, with each location having some sort of myth to it.

It is, it is. Everything had a story. Nothing didn't have a story. Every creek and branch and thing. But that was their culture, sharing these stories, and you knew these locations

because you had to make them memorable — or stuff actually did happen there. In developing the film, we wanted that aspect in there that every character is telling a story or knows a story, or there's a story about everything that's happening in

Brave, so you get story upon story upon story upon story, interwoven in the actual movie.

Did you have any mystical run-ins yourself there?

On my honeymoon, we were in a hotel in Oban, and right

on the counter there's a big thing with newspaper articles on it, from way back when, about this hotel's history. I'm just flipping through, and all of a sudden I go, "Oh my God, ghost in room 216." And just as I read this, the clerk hands us over our keys to room 215. I'm all, "Oh crap." The ghost only shows herself to women to warn women away from men. The ghost is the ghost of a woman who killed herself jumping out of a window because the man she was in love with, that was the last night there in that room, he goes off to sea, doesn't tell her when he comes back that he met somebody else. So she's waiting there for him to rendezvous, but he never returns so she offed herself. So the ghost re-plays their last night together, that argument, and rearranges the furniture in the room back to how it was back in the day. So the maids keep coming in and going, "Ah, the ghost..."

You've got to be aware that

when you make a movie with Disney about a princess, there will be inevitable comparisons.

We're the bastard child of Disney — don't put that down. We're conscious of it in the sense that yeah, she's a princess, but why is she a princess? (story-wise), there's more catastrophe that can happen. She can't just be a selfish milkmaid who can run off and marry somebody, right? We're all, "I don't care about that. Let 'em marry somebody." But here's this person, this character that doesn't want to do that stuff. "Um, lady, you're going to be a queen someday. You're going to have to step up." So we get those stakes. But it quickly turns and goes away from that idea and that concept. So it's just a very superficial concept, but because it's so easy and somebody says princess and Disney and thinks that's all that movie is, great. Let them think that. Never try and out-guess us.

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Killer comedies and a little combat

The summer months are the best time for top-notch funny men and women to take over the box office. It's also a good time for tough dudes to take the screen.

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June 15: That's My Boy

We're hoping that the presence of Saturday Night Live's Andy Samberg will make this movie not stink, especially considering Adam Sandler's last few films (Jack and Jill, we're looking at you) have been truly awful. In this film, Sandler plays a man-child who fathered and raised a child (Samberg) when he was only a teenager. When they reconnect several years later, each finds themselves coming undone.



June 22: Seeking a Friend for the End of the World

Consider this one the flipside of Melancholia, since it also deals with a heavenly body that is destined to come crashing into the earth. But here, with Steve Carrell and Keira Knightly co-starring, it's a comedy!



June 29: Madea's Witness Protection

Oh Madea, Madea, Madea. What are you up to now? Rather than getting into trouble herself, she's hosting a family who is a part of the witness-protection program.



June 29: Ted

Family Guy's Seth MacFarlane is the brains behind this story of a man (Mark Wahlberg) whose random wish makes a teddy bear he had as a child come to life — albeit as a foul-mouthed scumbag voiced by MacFarlane himself.



Aug. 10: The Campaign

Put Will Ferrell and Zach Galifianakis in a room together and God knows what will come of it. These two masters of playing awkward schlubs were destined to have their major moment on screen together, and in this film they play opposing senate candidates Cam Brady and Marty Huggins, respectively.



July 27: The Watch

Previously called Neighborhood Watch, this comedy stars Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn, Jonah Hill and Richard Ayoade as a group of suburban renegades who decide to take the law into their own hands but end up finding out that they're up against extraterrestrials.



Aug. 31: Lawless

Rocker Nick Cave penned this Prohibition-era film about brothers who get into the bootlegging business in Franklin County, Virginia. Given that the film is loaded with top-flight talent like Tom Hardy, Jessica Chastain, Gary Oldman and Shia LaBeouf, we're putting our money on this one being the sleeper hit of the summer.



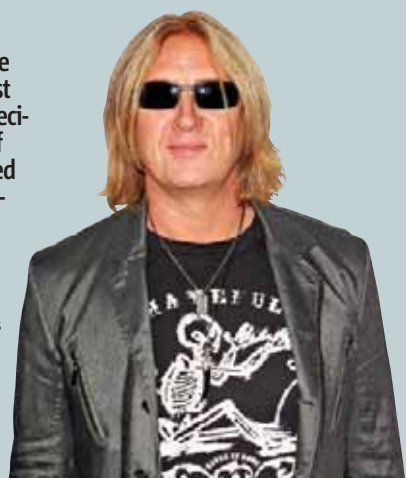
Aug. 17: The Expendables II

Chuck Norris! Chuck Norris is in this movie. That is all you need to know. Liam Hemsworth also joins the rest of the crew, which is on a revenge mission once one of their own gets killed in the line of duty. But, come on, it's Chuck Norris!

Quoted

"You could say with hindsight that we didn't make a wrong decision, we just made a decision. We revisited that decision when they threw out the idea of the film to us because they mentioned people like Tom Cruise and Alec Baldwin and Russell Brand and Catherine Zeta-Jones and the director who did Hairspray."

Def Leppard's Joe Elliott on being associated with the Rock of Ages movie but not the stage show.
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Now that your favourite shows like *Smash*, *Revenge* and *The Good Wife* have wrapped up, here's your guide to what will make for good summertime TV watching:

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If you miss ...

The behind-the-scenes look at the life onstage on *Smash*

Watch ...

Bunheads

The Vegas showgirl lifestyle loses its lustre for a classically trained ballerina (Sutton Foster), who impulsively marries an admirer (Alan Ruck) and moves to his sleepy seaside community of Paradise, Calif., where his mother (Kelly Bishop) runs a dance studio — and lives with him and his new bride. *Bunheads* is also a great choice for those in *Gilmore Girls* withdrawal — it comes from GG creator Amy Sherman-Palladino and features her trademark machine-gun quips and pop-culture references. *Airs Mondays on ABC Spark.*



If you miss ...

The backstabbing of *Revenge*.

Watch ...

Dallas.

The Ewing clan is just as contemptuous as you remember from the hit prime-time soap of the '80s — and now the next generation is involved in the family's favourite pastime of screwing each other over. Returning principals include Larry Hagman as J.R. Ewing, Linda Gray as Sue Ellen Ewing and Patrick Duffy as Bobby Ewing; rekindling the family rivalry is J.R. and Sue Ellen's son John Ross (Josh Henderson) and Bobby's adopted son, Christopher (Jesse Metcalfe), who take on the roles of their fathers. The oil fields of Texas remain a focal point, but because this is 2012, expect a few lessons on alternative energy in between all the fussin' and feudin'. *Airs Wednesdays on Bravo.*



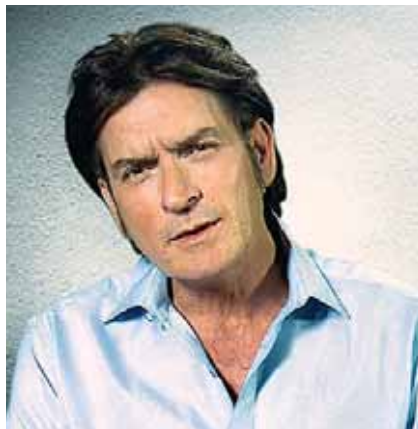
If you miss ...

The juvenile antics of *Two and a Half Men* (especially those of Charlie Sheen).

Watch ...

Anger Management.

FX says Charlie Sheen is reformed (we'd say reformed-ish) since the meltdown that forced his exit from the No. 1 sitcom last year. Adapted from the film of the same name, this comedy finds Sheen as a guy whose anger issues lead him to become a therapist. He's got a teen daughter to give him a sense of responsibility, but there's also a string of ladies interested in the former bad boy. Must be the tiger blood. *Premieres June 28 on CTV.*



If you miss ...

The high-stakes workplace of *The Good Wife*.

Watch ...

The Newsroom.

Delivering the news isn't pretty; the business of delivering the news is even uglier in this behind-the-scenes look at the people who produce a cable-news program. Just as he did on *The West Wing*, writer Aaron Sorkin has created another community of flawed fast-talkers with noble intentions. Jeff Daniels stars as the news team's anchor (literally and metaphorically) who tries to deliver "real" stories while his producers and network (Emily Mortimer, Olivia Munn, Sam Waterston, Jane Fonda) fret over ratings. *Premieres June 24 on HBO Canada.*



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Redfoo, left, and Sky Blu of LMFAO HANDOUT

Expect some Party Rockin' at the MMVAs

LMFAO. Redfoo and Sky Blu are set to host the MuchMusic Video Awards on Sunday

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"Party" and "rocks" are both words regularly used to describe the MuchMusic Video Awards. But the nation's music station decided to make it official this year by having party rocking experts LMFAO host their annual shindig on Sunday night.

Despite never having hosted an awards show, the duo — made up of Redfoo and Sky Blu — weren't the least bit surprised when the offer came their way. "I'm surprised more entities don't have us doing more of this stuff," says Redfoo, on the phone from the band's Houston stop on their current Party Rockin' Tour.

Based in Los Angeles, LMFAO (an acronym for Laughed My F*cking Ass Off) found fame via their brash mix of house beats, pop hooks, dance moves

and an ostentatious wardrobe. Their stupidly catchy singles Party Rock Anthem and Sexy and I Know It both hit No. 1 in Canada and the U.S.

And while their sound and lyrics certainly have roots in club culture their crossover appeal is what they believe enticed Much into offering them the gig. "The demographic that they want to tune in is our same fan base," say Redfoo. "And especially now, with a lot of the kids listening to LMFAO and having fun with the videos, the parents now are fans."

The pair logged time riffing on camera for the Grammy's Red Carpet, but Redfoo says the MMVAs are a far more structured event. "Me and Sky are always on," he says, "we're always improving and having fun. That's what we do. So it's about capturing the best of that with some guidelines."

MuchMusic organizers have been in regular communication with the band, hammering out a script that allows the two musician's personalities to shine without derailing the show's momentum, or breaking CRTC rules. They're also doing their own research in prep-

Surrounded by superstars

Both Redfoo and Sky Blu have rock royalty in their bloodline.

- **Redfoo.** His real name is Stefan Gordy. He is the youngest son of Motown founder Berry Gordy.
- **Sky Blu (a.k.a. Skyler Gordy).** He is Berry's grandson, making Stefan Skyler's uncle.
- **Jermaine Jackson.** The one-time Jackson 5 member and Michael's older brother, was once married to Stefan's older sister, Hazel, making the two brothers-in-law.

aration for the show. "There is certain inside Canadian humour," he says. "I have to learn these things. I'm on Wikipedia understanding where the maple syrup came from."

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Will his character live? Revenge's James Tupper addresses the rumours

Q & A. Canadian-born nighttime soap star is as in the dark about his character's life-or-death status as you are

America's guilty pleasure nighttime soap, *Revenge*, wrapped its first season last month.

Fans of the show have been hit with twists and turns since its September premiere, so we enlisted Canadian-born star James Tupper, who plays the (supposedly) murdered David Clarke on the series, for some clarity as to what's really going on in this Hamptons murder mystery.

How much do you know about what's going to happen in future episodes?

I'm following it like everybody else. We get it probably six weeks before you guys and we just read it and then make it. But I have a general idea where it's going. At the front of every script there's a big confidentiality agreement that we all sign. So I'm not gonna tell you, but I will tell you that it's alarming. He's not locked into having all the same characters.

Is your character really dead?

My God, I have to tell you: I was pushing a stroller with my three-year-old in it, and a woman yelled at me from across the street, like, "You're not dead, are you?" It's the question I get asked the most often and I get asked everywhere. It's fine, I love it. I love how invested people are in it — it's awe-

some. You know, as far as I know, I think I'm dead so far.

The rumour is that star Emily VanCamp is dating her co-star, Josh Bowman, who plays Daniel.

I heard that rumour. I can't confirm or deny it. I really don't know, actually. I mean, they get along great on set. They're discreet.

How do you feel about the show being people's guilty pleasure?

When I first started getting interviewed about the show, they were like, "I'm calling it my guilty pleasure." I realized that it's so fun to be that dramatic, and allow yourself to go there that people feel guilty. (Laughs.) I think *Revenge* is a lot of fun wrapped up in this sinister,

Quoted

"*Revenge* is a lot of fun wrapped up in this sinister, pretty serious world where a lot of things are at stake."

Actor James Tupper

pretty serious world where lots of things are at stake.

What do you think it is about Emily that viewers can't get enough of?

Every guy relates to Daniel not quite having the whole story — like, "What? You're who?" Emily has mastered the Mona Lisa smile. That's the great female mystery: "Do you love me, or do you want to kill me? I can't tell." (Laughs.)



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The many evolutions of Sting

Q & A. Singer-songwriter sat down with Metro to discuss his iPad app, what he's listening to these days and the importance of philanthropy

SZONJA KRESINGER
Metro World News

Sting (born Gordon Matthew Thomas Sumner) has donned many hats and experimented with myriad genres during his 35 years in the spotlight.

From his early days as the lead in the popular and ever-changing new wave band the Police, to a solo career incorporating everything from jazz to new age sounds, to the numerous humanitarian and environmental causes he has lent his celebrity status to, Sting is no stranger to exploring new paths.

Yet his most recent tour, Back to Bass, was something of a stripping down for the prolific artist where the path he took was the most basic one.

Having just come off the Symphoncity tour, per-

forming arrangements of his songs with large orchestras, he wanted to do something simpler, an approach he's continuing during his current summer tour.

How did it feel to put your recent box set together, taking a look back at all these years?

I'm not a particularly nostalgic person, so initially, it was quite challenging for me to really look back when my instinct has always been to move forward. But I did feel it was worth taking some time to reflect, seeing what I had achieved in the past 25 years. I certainly had a good time living those 25 years, and it is a pretty significant milestone in my career. I thought if ever there was a suitable time to do a project like the box set, this was it.

Was there any song you wanted to include but finally dropped?

The most challenging part of the process was choosing the songs and inevitably, there were many that didn't end up on the box set. But asking me to pick my favourites would

Quote

"I enjoy and appreciate the creative freedom I have, and the ability to do what interests me. I get bored pretty easily."

Sting
Speaking about his current situation as a musician

be like asking me to choose a favourite child! I love them all and each one is unique in their own way. That said, I'm very proud of the end result.

Do you plan a new studio album in the near future?

I don't really have a plan quite yet. I enjoy and appreciate the creative freedom I have, and the ability to do what interests me. I get bored pretty easily and so I always like to do something new and something that is hopefully surprising. I think my audience has come to expect that element of surprise.

So I'm really not sure what comes next, but expect the unexpected.

What types of artistic projects interest you the most?

Like I said, I always like to try something new. I can only do what I'm inspired to do. Right now, I'm working on a play for Broadway.

We're in the very early stages, but I've been writing a lot of music for that. It's completely new territory for me and it's quite exciting.

Why did you decide to have the Sting iPad app? Would you ever consider making music with the help of such gadgets like the iPad?

To me, it's important to embrace new technology and try to evolve with it. I look at the app as a new way of getting music to people.

It's very innovative, but at the same time it reminds me of the days where you'd purchase an album and get to enjoy all of the photos and liner notes, and really get a sense of how the album was made. That's missing in the digital age. In terms of making music with something like the iPad, I wouldn't rule it out. There's no way of anticipating where technology is going next.



Sting performs during the 2012 Concert for the Rainforest Fund at Carnegie Hall in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

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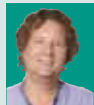
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One of my downtown Toronto hipster peeps is on the phone. "Where are you off to next?"

"Calgary," I replied. "As soon as NXNE wraps up, I'm

heading for the Sled Island (SI) Music and Arts Festival."

"What's that?" my hipster friend sniffed, "Some kind of rodeo?"

"It's Western Canada's largest indie music festival. This is year six."

"Calgary?" he snorted. "You can't be serious. Everyone knows that there's no culture in Calgary, let alone any kind of proper music scene. It's all dirty oil, cowboy hats and horse manure."

Hardly. Tucked in just

before the Stampede (which turns 100 this year, by the way), SI's goal is to bring some life to the downtown core, a place that can feel very, very empty after office hours. It's also about showcasing all kind of indie culture.

For anyone into indie music, film, art, and comedy, SI is a fantastic place to mix it. Hundreds of bands will play venues ranging from Olympic Plaza and the National Music Centre to tiny bars and churches

— with a Royal Canadian Legion or two thrown in.

So, who's coming? Here are some highlights for what some consider it to be the coolest event of its type in the country:

- Feist, (a Calgary native, lest we forget) will play a big outdoor event a week from tonight.

- Alt-rock elder statesmen Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth), Steven Malkmus (Pavement), Lou Barlow (Sebadoh, Dinosaur Jr.) and

Nomeansno.

- Shadowy Men on a Shadowy Planet (best known for their surf-rock theme, Having an Average Weekend aka the theme from The Kids in the Hall) will reunite for their first show in sixteen years.

- Andrew WK promises to keep partying hard with performances, DJing and motivational talks on (what else?) partying hard.

- Craig Finn will do double duty, performing

solo and with his day job band, The Hold Steady.

- Past Polaris prize nominees, including The Sadies and Timber Timbre.

- Lots of super-hot indie bands: Yamantaka / Sonic Titan, Russian Circles, Young Empires, Shabazz Palaces and Parlovr.

By the way, my friend should know that Calgary has been designated the Cultural Capital of Canada for 2012. For full details, go to sledisland.com.

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Lisa Marie Presley in Storm and Grace land

New music. Memphis singer's first album in seven years is a return to her Southern roots

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Madonna, Gwyneth, Lisa Marie Presley: All-American girls gone Brit-crazy. For Presley, there's one particular aspect of being an Anglophile that she likes: the local pub.

"There are lots of pubs near where we live in Sussex, but there's one that's become my local," says Presley. "I love that I can walk in there and see everyone in the village. I never got that social aspect of it until I lived here. I love to go in and say hello to people. And I love Guinness."

The Memphis belle's first new album in seven years, the rootsy Americana set *Storm and Grace*, is being hailed as a return to her Southern roots, but after her last tour, five years ago, all Presley wanted was to ditch them.

"I didn't feel like doing much of anything for a while,"

Top producer

Storm and Grace is produced by 12-time Grammy Award-winner T Bone Burnett, a master of Americana.

- **Quote.** "I am a fan of his work, he's done so many great records," says Presley, who manages enthusiastic praise without gushing. "I sent him some demos and I was really hoping he'd want to work with me. He got back to me so quickly. I was so happy to work with him."

she says. "I am a writer at heart. I felt that if I was in a different place and got rid of all the things I knew that I'd start writing again. I had to leave everyone and everything I knew behind in order to write."

Presley co-wrote the album in England with several contributors, including two Brits: Pulp guitarist Richard Hawley, who's also a solo artist with a Southern twang; and Ed Harcourt, a brilliant melodicist and songwriter.

This month in celebs who feel sorry for themselves...

Scarlett Johansson gets a lot of attention for her beauty, but it's not something she's exactly thrilled about.

"I don't like being labelled as 'the sexiest woman alive.' As an actress I prefer to maintain the anonymity," Johansson says in an interview with Grazia Italia.

And as for being a role model for other women? She'd rather not.

"There are so many wonderful women out there," Johansson says.



Forget about Katy, it's the paperwork that stressed Russell out

Always the romantic, Russell Brand says the hardest part of divorcing Katy Perry has been all the paperwork.

"I suppose a divorce is difficult, isn't it? Because of the admin. There's a lot of admin," he tells the Mirror. Still, his 14-month marriage wasn't all bad: "Well, it did work out in a way because you are married for some time, and that's really good, and then you're not married, and that's really good. You just have to have acceptance of things," Brand says.

So how does he find this acceptance so easily?

"I don't want to sound like a lunatic, but if you meditate and do yoga you become attuned to that there is different energy that's



Russell Brand

constant and very, very beautiful," he insists.

"Some people would call it God, some people would call it karma or the cosmos. Me, I call it sexual charisma."

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The swag don't match the sweaters

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At first, things seemed pretty nice and tidy with the Chris Brown and Drake brawl that broke out early Thursday morning at Manhattan nightclub W.i.P.

Both hip-hop stars have dated Rihanna in the past, both have a habit of gossiping in pop songs, and one has a history of anger management problems: Case closed. But now, Drake's people are telling TMZ that the rapper wasn't responsible for the gash on Chris Brown's face that popped up on Twitter Thursday morning.

"Drake did not participate in any wrongdoing of

any kind last night at W.i.P.," his rep tells the site. "He was on his way out of the club when the altercation began."

Another source claims that Philly rapper Meek Mill was the one with the problem, and hit Brown with a bottle after a shouting match. No arrests were made, and all of the boldface names were gone by the time police arrived sometime after 4 a.m.

Brown, for one, seems to back up at least the bottle part. His Twitter feed has since been airbrushed by publicists, but at one point after the incident it read, "How u party wit rich n**** that hate? Lol... Throwing bottles like girls? #shameonyla!"

Well, someone is certainly getting left out of the Cheesecake Factory mall trip this weekend. As soon as a nasty note surfaces on the bathroom wall, we're going to call it: Lamest hip-hop fight ever.



Courteney Cox and David Arquette. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Talk about a friendly divorce: No prenup for Cox, Arquette

In possibly the most amicable split in Hollywood history, Courteney Cox reportedly filed her divorce paper the same day as soon-to-be ex-husband David Arquette, also citing irreconcilable differences, according to TMZ.

Like Arquette, Cox is seeking joint custody of their daughter and no spousal support, and she

will represent herself in the proceedings.

The biggest discovery is that the couple, married for 11 years before separating in 2010, did not have a prenup, so all of their community property will be divided equally.

Cox is worth a reported \$75 million, while Arquette is said to be worth \$18 million.

No doesn't mean no for Jake

Jake Gyllenhaal is nothing if not persistent. Though Minka Kelly reportedly turned him down flat when he asked her out last fall, the pair apparently did eventually go out a few times recently, according to Us Weekly.

"Minka wasn't into Jake when he first pursued her,"

a source says, explaining that the actress "decided to give Jake another chance" after her romance with Wilmer Valderrama fizzled out.

But it looks like things between Gyllenhaal and Kelly didn't last, either: "It was never serious, and it's over now," the source says.

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• Use an instant-read thermometer to check if meat is finished rather than cutting into it because the natural juices will escape.

• Cook food thoroughly — cooking times and temperatures vary for different meat and poultry.

• Whole poultry should be fully cooked at 82 C (180 F), burgers at a minimum of 71 C (160 F) and beef, veal and lamb roasts and steaks can vary from 63 C (145 F) for medium-rare to 77 C (170 F) for well done.

• When cooking in advance, divide large portions of food into small, shallow containers for refrigeration to ensure safe, rapid cooling.

• Keep cold food cold and hot food hot until it's served. You can keep cooked meats hot by setting them to the side or upper tray of the barbecue grill.

• The refrigerator should be set at 4 C (40 F) or colder and the freezer at -18 C (0 F) or colder.

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On the web



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My dad isn't much of a drinker. He's more of a six-pack of beer a year and a sip of wine if the occasion insists type than a trained professional like me.

He does have a slight liquid Achilles' heel when it comes to single malt scotch though, which makes Father's Day gifting a no brainer.

Not a blend of different whiskies, single malts are made from a single grain (barley) and a single water source by a single distillery. All that singularity means a glass of this style of scotch comes jam packed with personality, some of which can be pretty over the top.

Islay is Scotland's southernmost island and its small group of distilleries creates the most aggressive whiskies in the world.

Laphroaig 10 Year Old (\$70.20 - \$84.99) is arguably the nastiest (in a good way). Boozy and medicinal with a pounding palate of peat, iodine and a touch of sea spray; it's a rambunctious malt that may pose a challenge for those who prefer lighter whiskies.

Here's a tip: Try adding a splash of spring water to your next glass of single malt. It helps round out the forward flavours and accentuates the aromas.

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Surprise dad with your skills on the grill

Mesquite-Grilled Cheeseburgers with Warm Chipotle Salsa.

These aren't your typical barbecue bites

The basic two-zone fire is an efficient charcoal arrangement for a wide variety of foods. It combines both direct heat (where the food cooks directly above the coals) and indirect heat (where the foods cook above and to the side of the coals).

1. In a large bowl, gently combine beef, cumin, pepper and 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) salt. Shape into 4 patties of equal size, each about 2 cm (3/4 inch) thick. With your thumb or the back of a spoon, make a shallow indentation about 2.5 cm (1 inch) wide in the centre of each patty. This will help the patties cook evenly and prevent them from puffing on the grill. Cover and refrigerate until ready to cook.

2. Prepare a two-zone fire for high heat (230 C/450 F to 290 C/550 F).

3. In a medium skillet over medium heat, warm 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the oil. Add onion and garlic and cook until onion is tender, about 3 min-

Ingredients

4 portions
Ideal grill: Charcoal
Smoke intensity: Strong
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 20 minutes

- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) ground chuck (80 per cent lean)
- 10 ml (2 tsp) ground cumin
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) ground black pepper
- Kosher salt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 4 plum tomatoes, each cut in half lengthwise
- 2 large handfuls mesquite wood chips, soaked in water for at least 30 minutes
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) finely chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 canned chipotle chili pepper in adobo sauce, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) fresh lime juice
- 4 slices smoked cheddar or smoked Gouda cheese, each about 30 g (1 oz)
- 4 hamburger rolls

utes, stirring occasionally. Transfer to a medium bowl. Brush tomatoes with remaining 30 ml (1 tbsp) of oil.

4. Brush cooking grate clean. Drain and add half of the wood chips to the char-



This recipe makes four burgers. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

coal and put the lid on the grill. When smoke appears, place tomato halves, cut side up, over indirect high heat. Close lid and cook until tomato juices are bubbling and the skins split, about 12 minutes. Remove from grill. Remove and discard tomato skins and roughly chop tomatoes. Add tomatoes, cilantro, chili and lime juice to onion mixture. Season with salt. Set aside.

5. Drain and add remaining wood chips to charcoal and put lid on the grill. When wood starts to smoke, cook

patties over direct high heat, with lid closed as much as possible, until cooked to medium doneness, 8 to 10 minutes, turning once. During the last minute of cooking time, place a slice of cheese on each patty to melt and toast the rolls, cut side down. Remove from grill and build each burger with the salsa. Serve warm.

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Lay this Honey Pilsner Glaze on thick



The glaze is great for chicken. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

This Honey Pilsner Glaze can be used as a marinade, glaze or condiment.

It was created by Steve Adams, who has led his competition barbecue team, Team Cedar Grilling, to victory for three consecutive years.

The team represented Canada at the Jack Daniels' World Championships in Lynchburg, Tenn.

Here are some serving suggestions for the glaze.

• Use it to coat a roast ham in the last hour of cooking. You can add pineapple or raisins to the glaze for this

use, if desired.

• Use it as a condiment on grilled sausage, hamburgers, hot dogs or sandwiches.

• Place the glaze in a non-reactive bowl, keeping some aside in a separate bowl for serving. Marinate chicken pieces or wings for one to two hours in the refrigerator. Grill over indirect heat until cooked. Serve glaze on the side

1. In a saucepan, combine all ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and sim-

mer for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and set aside.

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Ingredients

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pilsner
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) honey
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) brown sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) yellow mustard
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) garlic powder
- Freshly ground pepper

New kid on the cooking wine block

Mirin-Marinated Short Ribs with Shiitakes and Egg Noodles

Japanese wine tenderizes meats and thickens sauces to create a great glaze

Mirin is all about getting sauced. Because that's where Japanese cooking wine really shines — in sauces.

But first, a misconception. The wretched American product known as "cooking wine" probably has you reluctant to try anything similar. Relax and prepare for a delicious discovery. Mirin is nothing like that.

Though once sipped similar to sake, today mirin is exclusively a cooking wine. The clear, viscous liquid has a clean, yet intensely sweet-salty flavour. And while it packs a solid 12 to 14 per cent alcohol, it's really the sugar that counts. Mirin often is as much as 45 per cent sugar.

And chances are you've tried it before, though you probably didn't realize it. Mirin is a key ingredient in traditional teriyaki sauce and often is used as a finishing touch for Japanese soups.

Though often inaccurately called rice wine, mirin is made in part from rice. Rice, koji (think good bacteria in yogurt) and a distilled version of sake are combined and held for two months. During this time, the koji converts the starch in the rice into sugar. A lot of it. The solids then are strained and the resulting liquid is the mirin.

Mirin is widely available in the Asian or international aisle of just about any grocer. Some mass produced versions are made from grain alcohol and sugar, so check labels before buying.

1. In a large bowl or zip-close plastic bag, combine the sliced short ribs, mirin, garlic, 1 teaspoon of salt and 1/2 teaspoon of pepper. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

2. When ready to cook, bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the egg noodles and cook according to package directions. Drain and set aside.



This recipe serves four people. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of the sesame oil. Remove the steak from the marinade (reserving the marinade) and add to the skillet. Cook until the meat is half cooked, about 5 minutes.

4. Transfer the meat to a plate and set aside. Return the skillet to the heat and add the mushrooms, onion and peppers, then sauté until starting to brown.

5. Return the meat to the skillet and add all of the reserved

marinade. Bring to a simmer and cook for 4 to 5 minutes.

6. In a small glass, mix the cornstarch and water, then add it and the soy sauce to the skillet. Stir well and simmer for 2 minutes, or until thickened. Season with salt and pepper.

7. Spoon the steak and sauce over the noodles. Drizzle each serving with a bit of the remaining tablespoon of sesame oil.

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Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lbs boneless short ribs, thinly sliced
- 1 cup mirin
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 lb wide egg noodles
- 2 tbsp toasted sesame oil, divided
- 7 oz shiitake mushrooms,

- stems discarded, thinly sliced
- 1 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 2 red bell peppers, cored and thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup soy sauce

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SPORTS

Soccer

"All sports fall into a rhythm, and at the moment our team is in a good rhythm with balance and in team spirit."

Canadian men's soccer team head coach Stephen Hart on Thursday. Canada is riding the momentum of taking four of six possible points in two World Cup qualifiers.

The victories, a spirited 1-0 win in Cuba and 0-0 home draw against Honduras, has placed Canada second in CONCACAF Group C, trailing Panama, which has collected six points in two matches.

Now Canada sits idle before resuming the quest for a Brazil 2014 berth with a match in Toronto against Panama on Sept. 7.

On the web



Joe Torre will call the shots from the dugout once again. The 71-year-old who led the New York Yankees to four championships will manage the United States at the next World Baseball Classic. Scan the code for the story.



Spain's Fernando Torres scores past Ireland goalkeeper Shay Given on Thursday in Gdansk, Poland. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Luck turns Torres' way against Ireland

Euro 2012. Striker nets two as Spain earns share of group lead and ends Irish hope

Fernando Torres scored a goal in each half Thursday to give Spain a 4-0 win over Ireland and eliminate the Irish from the European Championship.

David Silva and substitute Cesc Fabregas also scored second-half goals as the defending champions improved to four points in Group C, the same as co-leader Croatia.

Spain dominated the tempo and scoring opportunities, taking 26 shots and putting the team on course for a spot in the quarter-finals.

Group C

4

Spain

0

Ireland

Torres, who scored in the Euro 2008 final, put Spain ahead early after dispossessing Richard Dunne inside the area and scurrying past Stephen Ward before sending an angled shot over goalkeeper Shay Given in the fourth minute.

"We wanted to win, to make a better impression than we did against Italy," said Torres, who became Spain's third all-time leading scorer with 30

goals in 95 appearances. "The performance of the team was really good. It was great." Torres started over Fabregas as the World Cup champions fielded a traditional striker after the attack was led by six midfielders against the Italians.

The goal marked the start of Spain's assault on the Irish, who had started well with Simon Cox forcing Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas into a tricky save in only the second minute.

"Unfortunately the goal for the second time after three minutes throws your tactical plan out the window," said Ireland coach Giovanni Trapattoni, whose team also conceded early in a 3-1 loss to Croatia.

But Spain's passing only got better, leaving Ireland in a constant chase. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Italy-Croatia

The Italians let a first-half lead slip away against Croatia for a 1-1 draw on Thursday, and now may need help to advance to the quarter-finals.

- Andrea Pirlo gave the Italians the lead with a curving free kick in the 39th minute, but Mario Mandzukic was left unmarked to equalize for Croatia in the 72nd.

Italy's Andrea Pirlo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Golf

Tiger on the hunt at U.S. Open

Any comfort Michael Thompson took looking up at the leaderboard at the Olympic Club and finally seeing his name at the top fizzled fast when he saw the player one spot below.

Tiger Woods.

Thompson shot a 4-under 66 in the first round of the U.S. Open on Thursday, taking a three-shot lead in the clubhouse over the hard-charging Woods and David Toms.

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Tiger Woods lines up a putt on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Murray hopes to discuss Karlsson deal in Las Vegas

Bryan Murray has every intention of re-signing defenceman Erik Karlsson, the only question is when and for how much.

The Ottawa Senators general manager spoke to media Thursday and said the two sides have held preliminary discussions. He hopes to further discussions next week when both sides will be in Las Vegas for the NHL awards.

"I believe his people are going to be in Vegas and I'm hoping that they'll buy me a coffee," said Murray. "We haven't thrown numbers around, we don't know, but we do know we want to get together."

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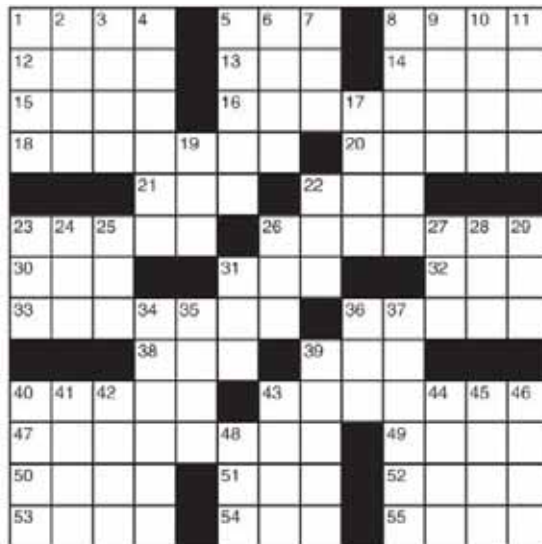
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- 5 Regis and Kelly's network
- 8 San —, CA
- 12 Foundation
- 13 Drench
- 14 — and crafts
- 15 Greek vowels
- 16 "OK" gesture
- 18 To this point
- 20 Black wood
- 21 "— the ramparts ..."
- 22 Dollar bill
- 23 Pickling solution
- 26 "Pulp Fiction" actress
- 30 Fond du —, Wisc.
- 31 Scenery chewer
- 32 "Little Women" woman
- 33 Bambi's rabbit friend
- 36 Type of poem
- 38 Sweet potato
- 39 Additionally
- 40 Wound souvenirs
- 43 Lightning accompaniment
- 47 Thanksgiving, e.g.
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- 52 Historic times
- 53 Experts
- 54 Buck's mate
- 55 Landlord's due

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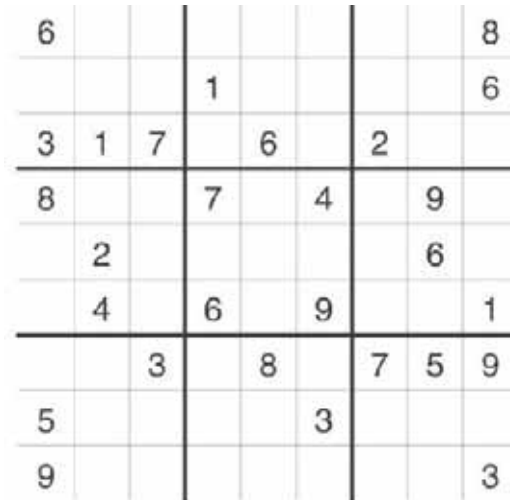
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- 6 Physicist Niels
- 7 PC processor
- 8 Talk on and on
- 9 Approximately
- 10 Dazzle
- 11 Catch sight of
- 17 Waiter's handout
- 19 Retainer
- 22 Resistance measure
- 23 Sandwich order, for short
- 24 Cheery remark?
- 25 Hosp. section
- 26 Pitch
- 27 Scratch
- 28 Parisian's pal
- 29 Big Apple abbr.
- 31 Height of fashion?
- 34 Aromatic resins
- 35 Get a good grade
- 36 Reed or Rawls
- 37 There
- 39 Rosemary's partner
- 40 Halt
- 41 Burn somewhat



- 42 Car
- 43 Poi source
- 44 Challenge
- 45 Verve

- 46 Whatever's left over
- 48 Old man

Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	9	6	1	2	5	3	7	8
7	1	5	3	8	6	4	2	9
3	8	2	9	4	7	5	6	1
2	7	8	6	5	3	1	9	4
6	5	3	4	9	1	2	8	7
9	4	1	2	7	8	6	3	5
8	3	7	5	6	4	9	1	2
5	6	9	7	1	2	8	4	3
1	2	4	8	3	9	7	5	6

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

NWCQ ETI MT QTK NFQ D
NCFXWK-UTVV ZTQKCVK.
ZTIUM ETI VDE ETI NCAC
GCDKCQ GE D VUFL LDAXFQ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF EMPLOYEES PAUSE
TO TAKE SOME REFRESHING SIPS OF SODA,
MIGHT THEY BE DRINKING BREAK FLUID?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals Y



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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

No doubt you have big plans and no doubt you are going places but keep a sense of perspective.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

You won't lack confidence today but will you match it with common sense? If you don't, you could find that something you expected to go right goes wrong at the last minute.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You will be inspired to try something new today. Whether your sense of adventure is a good thing remains to be seen.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

What you need today is a fresh way of looking at the world around you, and the only way to get that is to ask people for their opinions. Will your ego allow it? It should.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

You are sure to have a brilliant idea today but you would be wise to get a second opinion before you put it into effect.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

There is no limit to what you can achieve now but there is a danger that you will take too much for granted and make a silly mistake.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

A lot of things don't seem to make much sense at the moment but does it matter? Life is and always will be a mystery. That's what makes it interesting.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You may have something worthwhile to say but that does not mean everyone you interact with is going to believe you, or even want to hear your message.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

You may not be thinking clearly at the moment. So, if there are decisions to be made wait until the Sun changes signs on the 20th.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.

You know what you want and your confidence is such that the thought of failure has not crossed your mind. That's good. Keep believing.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.

Do you keep your plans to yourself or do you let everyone know about them? If you are smart, you won't give too much away.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Some of the ideas you come up with today and over the weekend will be remarkable even by your superior standards.

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Karat | Price/gram

1 ounce (9999) Maple Leaf Coins (sealed)	\$1,58.23/coin
9999 Canada Maple leaf, less than 1 ounce	\$51.04/g
24k Jewellery	\$40.08/g
22k	\$36.71/g
E. Indian/Nuggets	\$32.55/g
18k	\$30.06/g
14k and dental	\$23.37/g
10k	\$16.67/g
9k	\$15.03/g
8k/antique gold	\$10.02/g

Gold Bar Buying Prices

Gold Bars | Buy Price

Gold 1 ounce (Recognized)	\$1,529.06
Gold 10 ounce (Recognized)	\$15,207.49
Gold 1kg (Recognized)	\$48,892.08
Gold bars, less than 1 ounce (Recognized)	\$48.90/g
999 Gold bar (Unrecognized)	\$47.56/g

Silver Coin, Bars, and Jewellery Buying Prices - Canada Coins | Price

Maple Leaf (1 ounce Silver)	\$28.13/coin
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Silver Jewellery and Other Silver | Price

Stamped Sterling Silver Flatware	\$0.58/g
Stamped Sterling Silver Jewellery	\$0.56/g
Mexican Silver stamped 925	\$0.47/g
Stamped 800 Silver	\$0.45/g
Unstamped scrap silver	\$0.30/g
Other silver coins	\$0.62/g

*Actual buying prices are based on weight of silver content, which is lower for worn coins.

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Example Purchase 1:

Purity: 14k • Weight: 193.50g

PRICE: \$4,522.10



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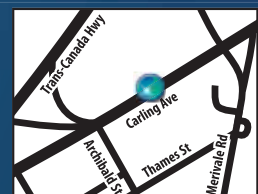
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